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## FOREWORD

The Inventory of the Town Archives of New Hampshire is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of the town of Canterbury, is number VI of the Merrimack County series of towns.

The Historical Records Survey program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records—they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey program, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child, who had been National Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey program operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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## P R E F A C E

The Historical Records Survey was initiated in January 1936 as a Nation-wide undertaking of the Work Projects Administration, but did not begin operations in New Hampshire until April 7. Prior to August 31, 1939, the Survey was Federally sponsored, but since that date it has been a local project sponsored by the University of New Hampshire. Until March 1940, this project was directed by Dr. Richard G. Wood. At that time Dr. Wood became State Supervisor of Research and Records Projects, and the present State Supervisor of the Historical Records Survey Project was appointed.

The purpose of the Survey is to make accessible to lawyers, historians, and students of government the records of State, county, municipal, and town offices. In addition church records, including those of defunct organizations, are being inventoried so that a foundation may be laid for research in this field of social history. The present volume is the sixth of a series of inventories concerning town archives of New Hampshire. A key volume, TOWN GOVERNMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, and a volume titled GUIDE TO DEPOSITORIES OF MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES—NEW HAMPSHIRE, have recently been published. Five volumes on county archives and one volume on church records have also been issued.

In addition to listing the records of the different town officers, the inventory sketches briefly the historical background of the town of Canterbury and describes the organization of the offices whose records are listed. The essays on the individual offices present only material relating specifically to Canterbury. For a history of the legal background of each office, and its State-wide implication, it is necessary to consult the key volume mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, information on missing records or discontinuance, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and location.

The first listing of the Canterbury records was done in the spring of 1938 by Ethel F. Fisher and Helen G. Ladd. The recheck was completed and the listing of the records brought up to date in the summer of 1940 by Arthur H. Newell. The forms were edited by Roderic B. Kenison and the entries were written by Samuel T. Bakus and Perley L. Cater. The essays in this publication were written by Edward F. Tile and Edwin H. Sheridan. The editorial work was done by Gordon F. Palmer, State editor, and William T. Clear. The legal research which forms the basis for the essays was conducted under the direction of Beatrice B. Calnan. The maps, charts, and cover design, a likeness of the Worsted Church, were drawn by Edward F. Tile, project artist. The index was prepared by Beatrice B. Calnan. Documentation was checked by Lester C. Rhodes and Bernice M. Newell. The stencils were cut by Alice A. Telge and the mimeographing



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The inventory of the archives of the towns of Merrimack County is number 7 of the New Hampshire series. The Canterbury inventory is volume VI of the Merrimack series.

Copies of the inventory will be distributed to government agencies, colleges, the University, and to libraries in New Hampshire and outside the State. A complete list of publications will be found on page 79. Requests for information concerning these volumes should be addressed to the State Supervisor, Administration Building, Lincoln and Silver Streets, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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## A. TOWN OF CANTERBURY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

### 1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Although Canterbury did not receive full town privileges until 1741, its charter was granted May 20, 1727.<sup>1</sup> The charter named Paul Gerrish, Paul Wentworth, and John Smith to act as selectmen until "the third Thursday in the month of March which Shall be in the year of our Lord 1728 & until other Selectmen Shall be Chosen & Appointed in their Stead \* \* \*." These three men were to call the first meeting of the proprietors.<sup>2</sup> This meeting, summoned in compliance with the charter, occurred October 31, 1727. Samuel Smith was elected clerk.<sup>3</sup>

The first concern of the proprietors was to determine the exact bounds of their grant. At the first meeting they elected a committee to act in conjunction with committees from neighboring towns in the determination of boundaries. It seems, however, that no immediate decision was reached, since 2 years later a second committee was chosen. This committee was to establish bounds of the grant and report at the next proprietors' meeting. It had completed its work by 1732.<sup>4</sup>

The division of the town into lots was given early attention by the proprietors. The drawing of the homelots, 40 acres each, occurred May 27, 1731, at Durham, where most of the early meetings of the Canterbury proprietors were held.<sup>5</sup>

Actual settlement of the town did not begin until 1733 or later, but there were more than thirty families by 1750. Three brothers, Daniel, Samuel, and Simon Ames, were among the first settlers. Names represented in the first two decades of settlement included Blanchard, Clough, Curry, Dolloff, Forrest, Glines, Gibson, Hackett, Head, Lindsay, Miles, and Moore.<sup>6</sup>

It has already been stated that Canterbury received full town privileges in 1741. By 1743 a fairly complete list of officers was chosen.<sup>7</sup>

On petition of the inhabitants, a tract of land adjoining the southwest side of Canterbury was annexed to that town in 1765.<sup>8</sup> Canterbury's first loss of territory occurred in 1773, when a tract of land "Beginning at the Northeast Corner \* \* \* at the Buckhorn Beach Tree" was set off as the parish of Loudon.<sup>9</sup> The north-west section of Canterbury was incorporated as Northfield in 1780.<sup>10</sup> In 1784 some land, lying partly in Loudon and partly in Canterbury, was annexed to Concord.<sup>11</sup> The next boundary change

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 24:523; Laws of New Hampshire, 2:677-680 (1741).

2. New Hampshire State Papers, 24:525.

3. J. O. Lyford, History of the Town of Canterbury, New Hampshire 1727-1912, 1:6.

4. Ibid., 1:6, 7.

5. Ibid., 1:7.

6. Ibid., 1:9; New Hampshire Manual for the General Court 1917, p. 26; P. R., August 9, 1756, see entry 1.

7. P. R., March 17, 1743, see entry 1.

8. Laws of New Hampshire, 3:369 (1765).

9. Ibid., 3:585 (1773).

10. Ibid., 4:297, 298 (1780).

11. Ibid., 4:539, 540 (1784).



occurred in 1853 when land "beginning at the east corner of Canterbury, near the house of William G. Leavitt" was annexed to Loudon.<sup>1</sup> In 1911 a parcel of land owned by Ai Smith was annexed to Canterbury from Boscawen.<sup>2</sup>

Religious matters received early attention in Canterbury. In 1735 the town warrant proposed the taking of land that the inhabitants might "have some benefit of the ministry."<sup>3</sup> It was voted in 1743 to build a meeting-house. Each proprietor was to contribute 10 shillings.<sup>4</sup> The following year, however, due to trouble with the Indians, it was "Voted that a fort be built at Canterbury with a Part of the money that was Voted to build a Meeting house and that the building of the meeting house be postponed until next year." The remainder of the money was to be used for the benefit of the ministry.<sup>5</sup>

It was voted in 1750 that "a Vote passed September 21, 1743, concerning building a Meeting-House for the publick Worship of God in Canterbury \* \* \* be confirmed."<sup>6</sup> Six years later a committee of three men (James Lindsey, Thomas Clough, and John Gibson) was elected "to receive the Meeting House in behalf of the Proprietors as far as the said Meeting House is done \* \* \*." A committee was also appointed to lay out and sell the pews.<sup>7</sup>

It is apparent that Reverend James Scales did some preaching in the town, for in 1752 it was voted that he should receive "twenty Pounds old tenner & thirty four Days work for Preaching" during the preceding year, and that his barn should be raised without cost to him. At the same meeting it was voted to exchange 100 acres of land for 40 acres adjoining the meeting-house to be used for a parsonage.<sup>8</sup> Two years later Mr. Scales received 40 shillings old tenor for preaching.<sup>9</sup> In 1756, 1,000 acres of land were to be sold and the money used for the ministry.<sup>10</sup> In the same year it was voted that the Reverend Robert Cutler be given a unanimous call to settle in the ministry in Canterbury. He was to "have for his support yearly during his Ministry among them" the sum of 300 pounds old tenor, provisions to the value of 300 pounds, pasturage for his cows, and his wood hauled.<sup>11</sup> Mr. Cutler came to Canterbury and apparently gave satisfaction, for attempts were made to install him. These attempts seem to have failed, for in 1758 the inhabitants

Voted that the following Lines shall be entred on the Town Books  
\* \* \* to signify to whom it may concern that whereas Mr Cutler who has been with us for a considerable time & has preached to good acceptance amongst us & who has had an invitation by us for more than two years past to Settle with us in the Gosple ministry, Yet by reason of the many Disappointments we have met with in respect of his instaulment \* \* \* we Judge that it would not be for the

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1. New Hampshire Laws of 1852, ch. 1310 (Approved Jan. 7, 1853).

2. New Hampshire Laws of 1911, ch. 339.

3. P. R., January 21, 1735, see entry 1.

4. Ibid., September 21, 1743.

5. Ibid., March 15, 1744.

6. Ibid., August 2, 1750.

7. Ibid., August 9, 1756.

8. Ibid., June 25, 1752.

9. Ibid., March 21, 1754.

10. Ibid., August 9, 1756.

11. Ibid., June 28, 1756.



glory of God & the interest of religion for Mr. Cutler to settle in the Gosple Ministry in this place and therefore having agreed to a separation we cant withall but think from an acquaintance with Mr. Cutlers ministerial Gifts \* \* \* that we do hartily recommend him to the work of the Gosple Ministry wherever Divine Providence shall open a Door \* \* \*.<sup>1</sup>

In December 1760, the Reverend Abiel Foster was called. For 13 years Mr. Foster performed his duties without dissension, but in 1773 a special meeting was called for the purpose of seeing if the town could agree with him to "lay down" preaching in the town and, if no agreement was reached, to see if those inhabitants that were dissatisfied with his preaching would be exempted from contributing to his salary.<sup>2</sup> The town voted to retain Mr. Foster as minister and not to excuse any person from the minister's tax.<sup>3</sup> The controversy continued and in 1779 Mr. Foster was formally dismissed.<sup>4</sup> He then pursued a highly successful public career, being elected to the General Court and the Continental Congress. He was also a judge of the Court of Common Pleas.<sup>5</sup>

From the dismissal of Mr. Foster until the Reverend Frederick Parker accepted the call in 1790,<sup>6</sup> there was no settled minister in Canterbury.<sup>7</sup> Mr. Parker continued to preach until his death in 1802.<sup>8</sup> At the beginning of Mr. Parker's ministry there was some demand in the eastern part of the town for holding preaching there. At the meeting in 1790 it was voted that the services would be held in the east end of the town every fourth week.<sup>9</sup> This arrangement did not seem to be satisfactory, for the following year it was voted "to Bild a meeting house In the East part of Said town \* \* \*."<sup>10</sup>

The Reverend William Patrick was called to the ministry in 1803.<sup>11</sup> He was the last settled minister in Canterbury, because the so-called Toleration Act was passed before his ministry was half finished.<sup>12</sup> Even before the coming of Mr. Patrick differences in religious belief had appeared in the town. As early as 1782 some of the inhabitants had become converted to the Shaker faith and in 1794 the Freewill Baptists had formed a society.<sup>13</sup> The Freewill Baptists, however, held their meetings in private dwellings until a church was built in 1803.<sup>14</sup>

The latter denomination started to build another church in Canterbury, but their funds were exhausted before it was completed. An arrangement was made with the Congregationalists to make it a union church and the edifice

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1. P. R., December 14, 1758, see entry 1.
  2. Lyford, op. cit., 1:94, 95.
  3. P. R., April 19, 1773, see entry 1.
  4. T. M. B., January 27, 1779, see entry 2.
  5. Lyford, op. cit., 1:97, 98.
  6. T. M. B., November 23, 1790, see entry 2.
  7. Lyford, op. cit., 1:99, 100.
  8. Ibid., 1:172.
  9. T. M. B., October 11, 1790, see entry 2.
  10. Ibid., February 14, 1791.
  11. Ibid., July 22, 1803.
  12. Laws of New Hampshire, 8:820, 821 (1819),
  13. Lyford, op. cit., 1:213.
  14. Ibid., 1:316-318.



was completed in 1839. For some years services were conducted by both groups, but soon after the great Chicago fire in 1871, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Monmouth, daughter of Doctor Joseph M. Harper, who had been a prominent Canterbury citizen, came to the town seeking contributions for the sufferers from the fire. She volunteered to remain and read the published sermons of the Reverend Henry Ward Beecher each Sunday. Her offer was accepted and she immediately began to decorate the church with worsted mottoes and trimmings. It was this handiwork that gave rise to the name "Worsted Church." The loss of her property led to her retirement, after which no attempt was made to maintain preaching except in the summer.<sup>1</sup>

The Osgoodites were founded by Jacob Osgood in the town of Warner and became prominent about 1814. Soon there were in Canterbury about thirty families under the leadership of Josiah Haines following the Osgood teachings. The sect was opposed to all existing forms of worship and sometimes carried to extremes their attempts to secure converts. The sect remained fairly strong while Jacob Osgood was alive, but after his death no new members were added and its strength gradually dwindled, until by 1890 it had practically disappeared.<sup>2</sup>

Shakerism originated in England under Mother Ann Lee. Because of persecution, she and her followers migrated to America in 1774. By 1782 their doctrine had spread to Canterbury and many of the inhabitants embraced the new faith. Two of the first converts were Benjamin Witcher and Henry Clough. The former donated his farm to the Shaker cause and the latter became an elder in the new faith. In 1792 the followers in Canterbury were brought together as a society.<sup>3</sup>

Shakers do not marry and do not own private property. The communal interest is paramount. They have one point in common with the Quakers, in that they advocate the principle of nonresistance, and do not accept military service. During the Civil War they were 'furloughed until called for' by President Lincoln. They do not take part in politics for fear of the strife that might be engendered thereby. No ballots are cast by the Shakers on election day. At times, however, the Canterbury School District has elected Shakers to the school board.<sup>4</sup>

The Shaker church was built in 1792, the roof being covered with hand-made pine shingles over birch bark. A hundred years later the pine shingles were replaced with asphalt shingles. A porch was added to the building in 1815. Otherwise, the church remains to-day as it was originally built.<sup>5</sup> It still carries in its framework the hand-wrought nails of a former century.<sup>6</sup>

At the present time there are about fifty members of the society. The Shaker village is located in the eastern section of the town. Except for three farmers all dwellers in the community are Shakers. Buildings include the main dwelling, the shelter, the church, the office building, the power house, the pumping station, and the laundry.

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1. Lyford, op. cit., 1:344-349.

2. Ibid., 1:370-373.

3. Ibid., 1:350-358.

4. Anon., The Story of Shakerism, pp. 5, 10, 14.

5. See cover of Canterbury Town Reports, 1939.

6. Anon., op. cit., p. 12.



That the Shakers came to the assistance of their neighbors in time of need is proved by the records of a town meeting in 1832, when it was resolved that the thanks of the town be extended to the Shakers for the valuable articles they had given for the use of the poor.<sup>1</sup>

Schools are mentioned in the warrant for the 1754 town meeting when an article was inserted to see if the town would raise money for schooling, but no record can be found to indicate that this article was accepted by the voters.<sup>2</sup> Four years later it was "Voted Tow Hundred Pounds old tenner Money for the benefit of Schooling the children--and that each Forts People shall enjoy the benefit of their own Money in their own Fort."<sup>3</sup> It is probable that the fear of attack by Indians was the reason no action had been taken before this. In 1762 it was voted that 500 pounds old tenor be appropriated for the maintenance of a school, and the selectmen were authorized to secure a schoolmaster and to designate in what parts of the town the school should be kept.<sup>4</sup>

In 1767 it was voted to keep a school 6 months and the "Poople on the East side of Soucook River have their part of the Schooling Voted at this meeting."<sup>5</sup> A vote the next year showed that currency was not plentiful, for it stated that the town and school rate was to be paid in produce.<sup>6</sup> One hundred dollars was appropriated for schooling in 1772.<sup>7</sup> In that same year occurred the mention of a schoolmaster by name, when it was "Voted, that the People living in the easterly side of Soucook River have the two months School keeping that Master Mooney did for them last spring in full satisfaction for what they were in the rear for Schoolkeeping in time past until the year 1772."<sup>8</sup> Two years later the inhabitants agreed that the school should be stationed in one place for 18 months "exculsive for those inhabitants living above Schoonduggady pond." It was also voted that those living above the pond were to have their own school money expended among them. Obadiah Mooney was to keep the town school until the third Thursday of the following March.<sup>9</sup> The period of the Revolution now intervened and, as the inhabitants of the town wholeheartedly devoted themselves to carrying on the conflict with Great Britain, nothing further was done about schooling until 1779. In that year 1,000 dollars was appropriated to be expended for schooling.<sup>10</sup>

That there was a discontinuance of schools for the next few years seems probable, for the next mention of schools was in December 1782, when it was "Voted not to have a Town school this present year it being so near the end of the year."<sup>11</sup> Two years later 60 pounds was raised for schooling

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1. T. M. B., March 14, 1832, see entry 2.
  2. Lyford, op. cit., 1:377.
  3. P. R., March 16, 1758, see entry 1.
  4. Ibid., December 27, 1762.
  5. Ibid., March 19, 1767.
  6. Ibid., March 17, 1768.
  7. Ibid., March 19, 1772.
  8. Ibid., October 5, 1772.
  9. T. M. B., October 17, 1774, see entry 2.
  10. Ibid., March 18, 1779.
  11. Ibid., December 28, 1782.



and a committee was chosen "to divide the school keeping into Classes \* \* \*."<sup>1</sup> That the words classes and districts were synonymous is apparent, for in 1786 it was "Voted that the schools shall be kept this year in several parts of this Town in Classes--and for every Class to provide their own teachers and have the benefit of their own Money."<sup>2</sup>

The town voted in 1789 "to chuse a Committee of five men to inspect the School Classes & the Spots where each School House Shall Stand."<sup>3</sup> By a vote of 1791 the selectmen were authorized to secure schoolmasters and to regulate the schools in all the classes.<sup>4</sup> In 1794 it was voted to build 6 schoolhouses in the town and the selectmen were to designate the sites.<sup>5</sup> Later in the same year it was voted to reconsider building schools in 2 of the districts,<sup>6</sup> and still later the town decided to have just 2 schoolhouses.<sup>7</sup> By a vote of 1799 the town chose a committee to regulate and inspect the schools.<sup>8</sup> That some interest had arisen in the town regarding female education is proved by an action of 1800. One hundred dollars was appropriated for schools, and it was "Voted, that the money which is raised, over & above what the law obliges, may be laid out & expended in Women's Schools by those Districts which desire it."<sup>9</sup>

During the Revolutionary War, Canterbury contributed loyal support to the patriotic cause. In 1776 it was voted that "all the men that went on Lexington Alarm have three shillings per day, for every day they spent on that alarm \* \* \*."<sup>10</sup> In March 1777 the town voted 50 dollars to each of the twenty men required to be raised as the town's proportion, to serve in the war for 3 years or for the duration of the struggle.<sup>11</sup> The following month an additional 50 dollars was voted to each soldier.<sup>12</sup> The next year the selectmen were appointed a committee to provide for the families of the men in the service.<sup>13</sup> A short time later it was "Voted--One hundred Dollars to each & every soldier who is now in the Continental service, enlisted for three years and answers for Canterbury \* \* \*."<sup>14</sup> That soldiers were sometimes paid their bounties in crops as well as in money is shown by a vote of 1779, when the town agreed to give to any three able-bodied men, who enlisted to serve in Rhode Island for 6 months, 38 bushels of corn or 80 shillings, and to any six able-bodied men, who enlisted in the Continental army for one year, 76 bushels of corn or 160 shillings.<sup>15</sup>

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1. T. M. B., March 18, 1784, see entry 2.

2. Ibid., March 30, 1786.

3. Ibid., March 19, 1789.

4. Ibid., April 1791.

5. Ibid., March 20, 1794.

6. Ibid., September 8, 1794.

7. Ibid., September 25, 1794.

8. Ibid., March 21, 1799.

9. Ibid., March 20, 1800.

10. Ibid., March 21, 1776.

11. Ibid., March 31, 1777.

12. Ibid., April 23, 1777.

13. Ibid., March 19, 1778.

14. Ibid., April 21, 1778.

15. Ibid., May 8, 1779.



As Northfield was set off from Canterbury in 1780,<sup>1</sup> it is difficult to say just how many men were in the service from Canterbury. If the boundaries of Canterbury are considered as they existed from the beginning of the Revolution until 1780 more than 100 Canterbury men served in the army.<sup>2</sup>

That the support of the town was with the Government at the outbreak of the Civil War was evidenced by a resolution taken at the meeting June 8, 1861. It was "Resolved, that we as citizens of Canterbury are fully prepared to stand by, defend and maintain the Constitution, the Union, and the Laws of these United States, and will give the present administration our undivided support for this purpose."<sup>3</sup> In October of the same year the sum of 500 dollars was appropriated to be paid to "indigent families of persons that may or have enlisted from the Town of Canterbury \* \* \*."<sup>4</sup> It soon became apparent that the war was to last for some time, and in August of 1862 the selectmen were authorized to hire 9,000 dollars for bounties to secure enlistments. Each citizen of the town, who enlisted for 3 years' service before the first day of September 1862 was to receive 300 dollars.<sup>5</sup> In 1863 the town voted 300 dollars to the men who were drafted and mustered into the service, and the selectmen were authorized to borrow 9,000 dollars to defray this expense.<sup>6</sup> By a town vote in September of the same year, it was stipulated that the money be paid to the drafted man or his substitute.<sup>7</sup> In 1864 an agent was chosen to keep the quota of men full and he was authorized to pay a bounty of 100 dollars to one-year men, 200 dollars to two-year men, and 300 dollars to three-year men.<sup>8</sup> At the meeting the selectmen were authorized to hire 20,000 dollars for bounties.<sup>9</sup> The following month it was decided to pay each volunteer 500 dollars when he was mustered into the service.<sup>10</sup> By a vote of January 7, 1865, it was decided that each citizen of the town volunteering for 3 years' service was to receive 1,000 dollars.<sup>11</sup> In March the selectmen were directed to hire 20,000 dollars to enable the town to fill its quota.<sup>12</sup> This was the last of the Civil War measures taken in Canterbury. The town furnished 128 men for active service during the war.<sup>13</sup>

As highways were of paramount importance to the early inhabitants, it is not surprising that in 1750 a committee was appointed to act with the selectmen "in looking out convenient Highways, & Roads, among the Home-Lots \* \* \*."<sup>14</sup> In 1762 the town voted to lay out a road from a place called

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1. Laws of New Hampshire, 4:297, 298 (1780).

2. Lyford, op. cit., 1:131.

3. T. M. B., June 8, 1861, see entry 2.

4. Ibid., October 8, 1861.

5. Ibid., August 12, 1862.

6. Ibid., July 30, 1863.

7. Ibid., September 24, 1863.

8. Ibid., July 21, 1864.

9. Ibid.

10. Ibid., August 26, 1864.

11. Ibid., January 7, 1865.

12. Ibid., March 15, 1865.

13. Lyford, op. cit., 1:273.

14. P. R., August 2, 1750, see entry 1.



Head's Hill to Chichester.<sup>1</sup> Two years later a committee was appointed to lay out a highway "from John Gibbons Land where [he] lives to Winepisogue River \* \* \*."<sup>2</sup> A town vote of 1779 raised 4,000 dollars for highways, to be worked out at the rate of 8 dollars per day.<sup>3</sup> In 1806 a committee was appointed to divide the town into highway districts.<sup>4</sup> The division made by the committee was accepted the following year.<sup>5</sup>

The inhabitants of Canterbury have always followed agricultural pursuits. Saw mills and grist mills were the first industries. Joseph Kimball had a turning mill in which he made spinning wheels, linen wheels, chairs, tables, rakes, and other articles. There have been at least 2 tanneries in the town. In 1851 the Merrimack County Soapstone Company was incorporated. The business was successful for a time, but was abandoned when the demand for soapstone dwindled.<sup>6</sup>

In any description of Canterbury industries the Shakers are entitled to the principal mention. At an early date they operated a mill for grinding corn and sawing lumber. Flour was extensively produced. Facilities were introduced for turning and finishing iron. When it ceased to be profitable to raise wheat the manufacture of washing machines and mangles was begun. Later brass clocks, skimmers, ladles, copper tea kettles, hair sieves, and hats were manufactured. Leather was tanned and curried and boots and shoes were made. The Shakers also manufactured wool and cotton cards and wheels, wooden shovels, hoes, scythes, whips, and tobacco boxes. In 1824 they began the manufacture of bricks. Weaving was also an important industry in the Shaker Village. At first the weaving was done on hand looms and carding was done by hand. In 1842 power looms were introduced. Other articles made by the Shakers included Shaker flannel, hand knit wool hose and underwear, brooms, brushes, scythe snaths, rakes, boxes, chairs, tubs, pails, and candlesticks.<sup>7</sup>

The Shaker industries are largely a thing of the past, although some articles are made at the present time. These include cloaks, sweaters, sewing baskets, and novelties. Throughout Canterbury as a whole the principal sources of income, at the present time, are dairying, poultry-raising, general farming, and lumbering.

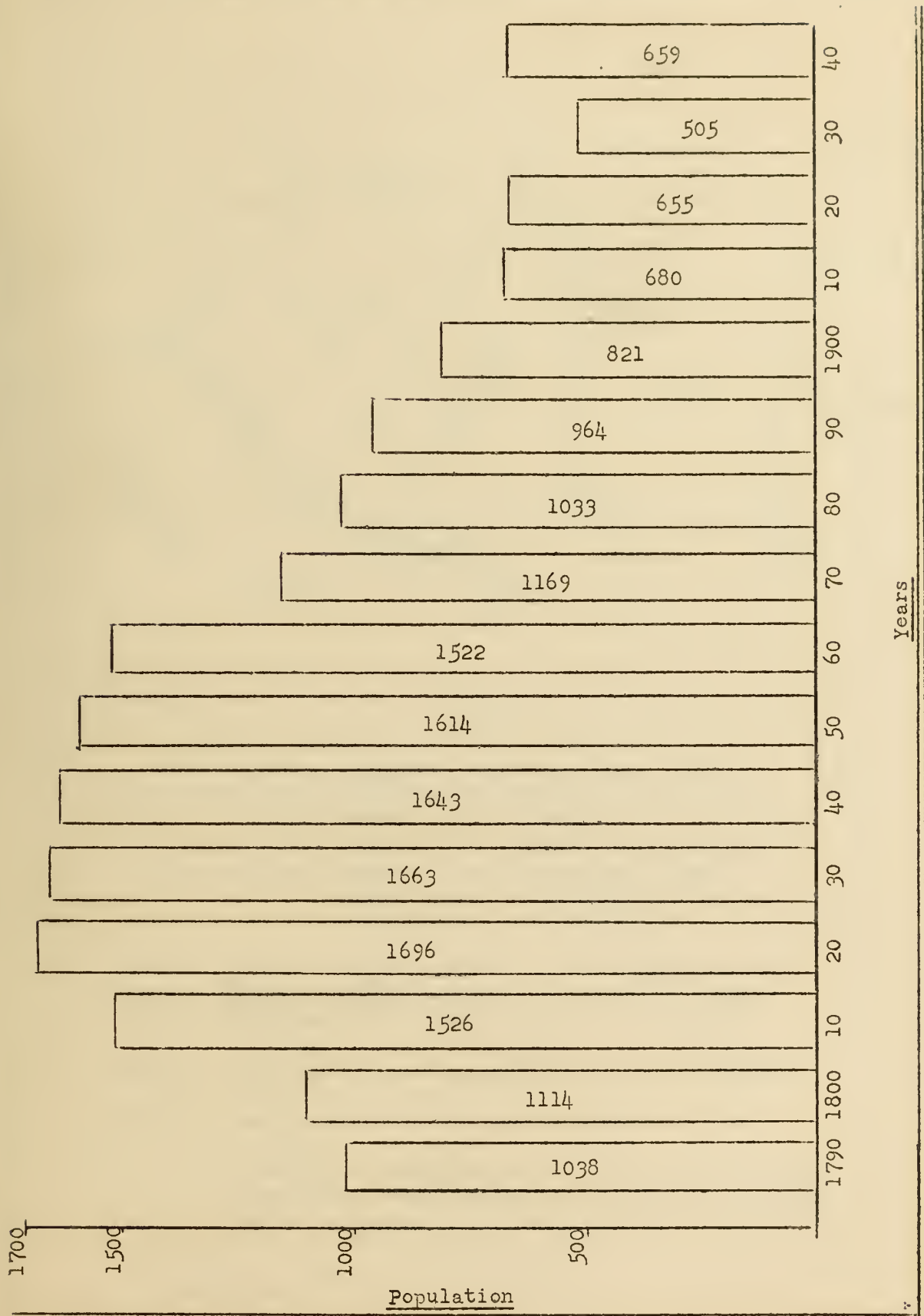
Canterbury is about 8 miles from Concord and bounded on the north by Northfield, on the east by Loudon, on the south by Concord, and on the west by Boscaawen.

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1. Lyford, op. cit., 1:89.
  2. P. R., April 25, 1764, see entry 1.
  3. T. M. B., March 18, 1779, see entry 2.
  4. Ibid., August 25, 1806.
  5. Ibid., March 10, 1807.
  6. Lyford, op. cit., 1:192-194, 260.
  7. Ibid., 1:365, 366.



CANTERBURY POPULATION GRAPH

Based on N. H. Manual for the General Court

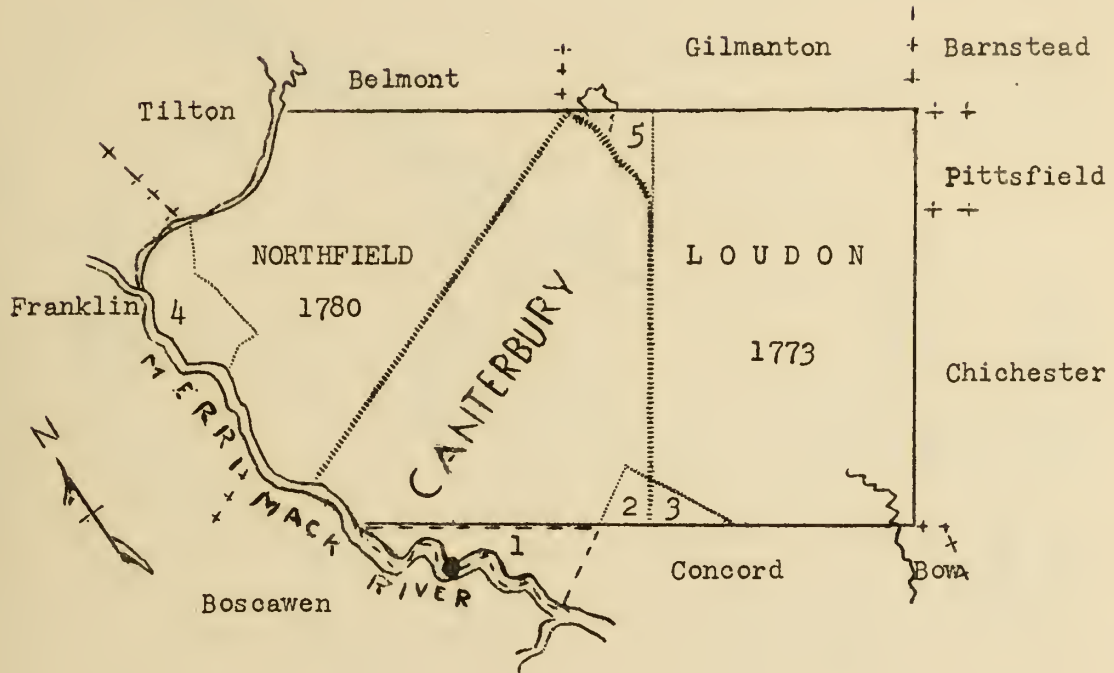


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ORIGINAL CANTERBURY MAP WITH ITS DIVISIONS, SUBDIVISIONS, AND ADDITIONS



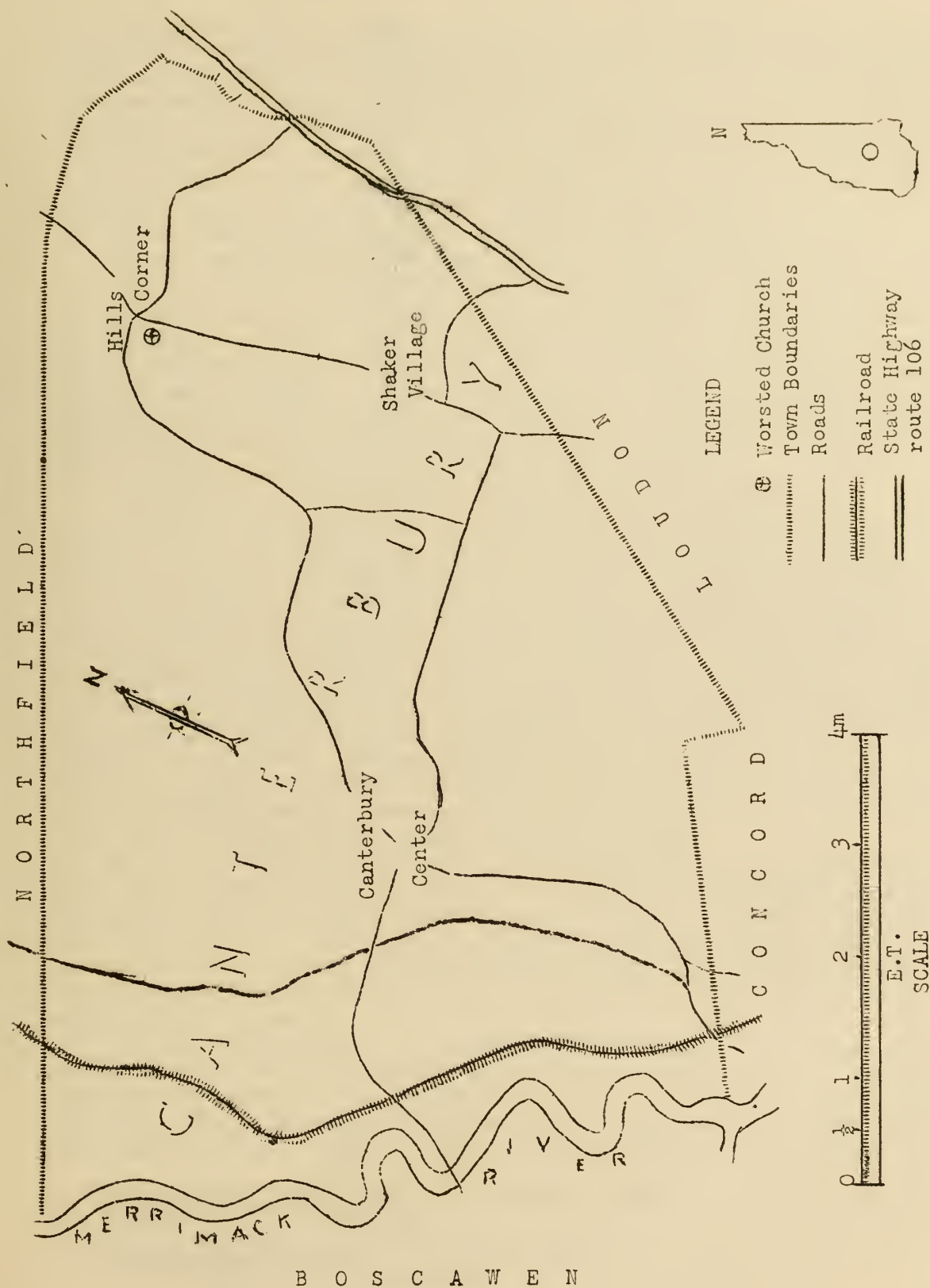
LEGEND

- Original Canterbury Grant 1727
- ..... Division of Canterbury Grant into Northfield and Loudon
- Gore of land annexed to Canterbury.
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- + + + + + Neighboring town boundaries.

- Gore 1. A tract of land annexed to Canterbury in 1765.
- Gore 2. A tract of land annexed to Concord in 1784.
- Gore 3. Land taken from Loudon annexed to Concord in 1784.
- Gore 4. Land taken from Northfield annexed to Franklin in 1861.
- Gore 5. Land taken from Canterbury annexed to Loudon in 1853.
- 6. ● Indicates location of land owned by Al Smith transferred from Boscawen to Canterbury in 1911, due to a change in course of Merrimack River.



# MAP OF PRESENT DAY CANTERBURY Based on U.S. Geological Survey





## 2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

In 1727 a tract of land, to be known as Canterbury, was granted by Lieutenant Governor John Wentworth and Council to Richard Waldron and others. Over 100 acres of land were to be cleared and seventy families, with completed houses, were to be settled within 3 years. All these conditions were contingent on peace with the Indians. Land shares were to be reserved for a minister, a parsonage, and a school. Mast trees were to be reserved for the royal navy. A rent of one pint of Indian corn was to be paid by the town on demand. Paul Gerrish, Paul Wentworth, and John Smith were named as selectmen to call the first meeting.<sup>1</sup>

Actual settlement of the town began in 1733 or shortly after,<sup>2</sup> but the community was not accorded full town privileges until 8 years later.<sup>3</sup> The government of the town was firmly established by 1743, and at the meeting that year the following officers were chosen: a moderator, a town clerk, three selectmen, one constable, one surveyor of highways, one collector, one tythingman, two fence viewers, two field drivers, two hog constables, and two assessors. In addition it was voted that Doctor Samuel Adams, Benjamin Smith, and Joseph Drew "shall continue a Committee to see the way clere & Bridged to the Town of Canterbury."<sup>4</sup>

Of this set of officers the moderator, clerk, selectmen, and collector have survived to the present day. The surveyor of highways has been succeeded by the road agent; the duties of the assessors have been taken over by the selectmen. Tythingmen, fence viewers, constables, hog constables, and field drivers no longer exist. The office of lot layer appeared even earlier than the 1743 meeting. It was abandoned in 1859. Another office that appeared even earlier than 1743 was that of the committee to examine the accounts of the selectmen, later succeeded by the auditors. Offices that were added subsequent to the meeting in 1743, and since abandoned, were those of hogreeve, haward, pound-keeper, deer keeper, sealer of weights and measures, cemetery committee, sexton, sealer of leather, corder of wood, surveyor of lumber, surveyor of wood and lumber, surveyor of wood, sealer of lumber, surplus revenue agent, dog constable, culler of staves, inspector of schools, town agent, and liquor agent.

At the present time the voters of Canterbury, at the annual town meeting, elect a town clerk, treasurer, tax collector, road agent, and two auditors. They also choose, each year for a term of 3 years, one selectman, one trustee of trust funds, and two library trustees. Canterbury has a clerk of the selectmen who was elected in 1937 for a 4-year term. At the biennial elections in November three supervisors of the check-list and a moderator are chosen.

The selectmen appoint the overseer of the poor. They recommend the health officer, who is appointed by the State Board of Hoalth; and the forest fire warden and his two deputies, who are appointed by the State Forester. The selectmen appoint two special policemen for indefinite terms and they biennially appoint four election inspectors, two of whom are

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 24:523-525 (1727).

2. Lyford, op. cit., 1:7, 8.

3. Laws of New Hampshire, 2:677-680 (1741).

4. P. R., March 17, 1743, see entry 1.



designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.

Annually, the Canterbury school district elects a moderator, one member of the school board, a clerk, and a treasurer. The moderator, clerk, and treasurer serve 1 year. The members of the school board serve 3 years. The Canterbury school board, in conjunction with the other school boards that comprise Supervisory Union No. 59, nominates the superintendent of schools, who receives his appointment from the State Board of Education.

The chief recording officer of the town is the town clerk. Of primary importance among the records of this office--from the historical standpoint--are the early Proprietors' Records and the Town Minute Books. The Proprietors' Records run from 1727 through 1792. They contain warrants and minutes of proprietors' meetings and such items as the town charter, layout of lots, and sale of common land. They also contain the town minutes 1732-73. Beginning with 1774 the town minutes are kept in separate volumes. The Town Minute Books contain not only warrants and minutes of town meetings but also a great variety of other information, particularly for the earlier years. Current records in the Town Minute Books, other than town warrants and minutes, include jury warrants, minutes of jury meetings, and the appointments and oaths of town officers. Earlier records contained therein include fence agreements, highway damage awards, highway petitions and returns, liquor and tavern licenses, minutes of the Congregational Society, and notices and by-laws affecting stray animals.

The clerk of Canterbury, like clerks in other New Hampshire towns, keeps a complete record of vital statistics. He keeps a record of fires, personal mortgages, receipts and payments, conditional sales, writs, dog licenses, and permits for registration of motor vehicles. He also keeps a copy of the invoice records. He is the custodian of dissolved school district records containing warrants for and minutes of the meetings of the districts, and the financial reports of the prudential committee. The miscellaneous papers of the town clerk cover a wide range of subjects represented also in the Town Minute Books and in individual record series.

The selectmen, administrative officials of the town, issue the annual town reports, which, in addition to their own report, contain the reports of the town clerk, treasurer, tax collector, overseer of the poor, road agent, librarian, auditors, police, health officer, school board, school district treasurer, superintendent of schools, trustees of Elkins Public Library, and trustees of trust funds. These documents, printed annually, also contain such items as the town warrant, list of town officers, and the budget. The duties of the selectmen as assessors are represented by invoice records and blotter books. The selectmen keep financial records that contain all pertinent information concerning monies received and expended by the town. They also keep various miscellaneous records.

The principal record of the tax collector is the N. H. Collector's Tax Book. In this book is entered the warrant to the tax collector, name of tax payer, amount of property and poll tax, date of payment, interest collected, discount, abatement, and amount paid. He also keeps a cash book.

The town's chief financial officer is the treasurer whose accounts include orders drawn upon him by the selectmen, a cash book, canceled checks, and check book stubs. The other financial officers of the town, trustees of trust funds, library trustees, and overseer of the poor, keep records



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of all their financial affairs.

Of the election officers only the supervisors of the check-list keep records. These consist of a group of check-lists. The road agent keeps a daily record of payments. The auditors keep a copy of the town audit as filed with the State Tax Commission.

School records consist of minutes of district and board meetings, financial records, and school registers.



CHART OF CANTERBURY TOWN OFFICERS 1743, 1850

CHART, 1850

1	MODERATOR
1	TOWN CLERK
3	SELECTMEN
1	TAX COLLECTOR
2	AUDITORS
3	MEMBERS SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
1	OVERSEER OF THE POOR
33	HIGHWAY SURVEYORS
1	CONSTABLE
1	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
1	CULLER OF STAVES
10	SURVEYORS OF LUMBER
8	CORDERS OF WOOD
1	POUND-KEEPER
3	HOGREEVES
3	FENCE VIEWERS
3	LOT LAYERS
4	SEXTONS

ANNUAL  
TOWN  
MEETING

CHART, 1743

1	MODERATOR
1	CLERK
3	SELECTMEN
2	ASSESSORS
1	CONSTABLE
1	HIGHWAY SURVEYOR
1	COLLECTOR
1	TITHINGMAN
2	FENCE VIEWERS
2	FIELD DRIVERS
2	HOG CONSTABLES

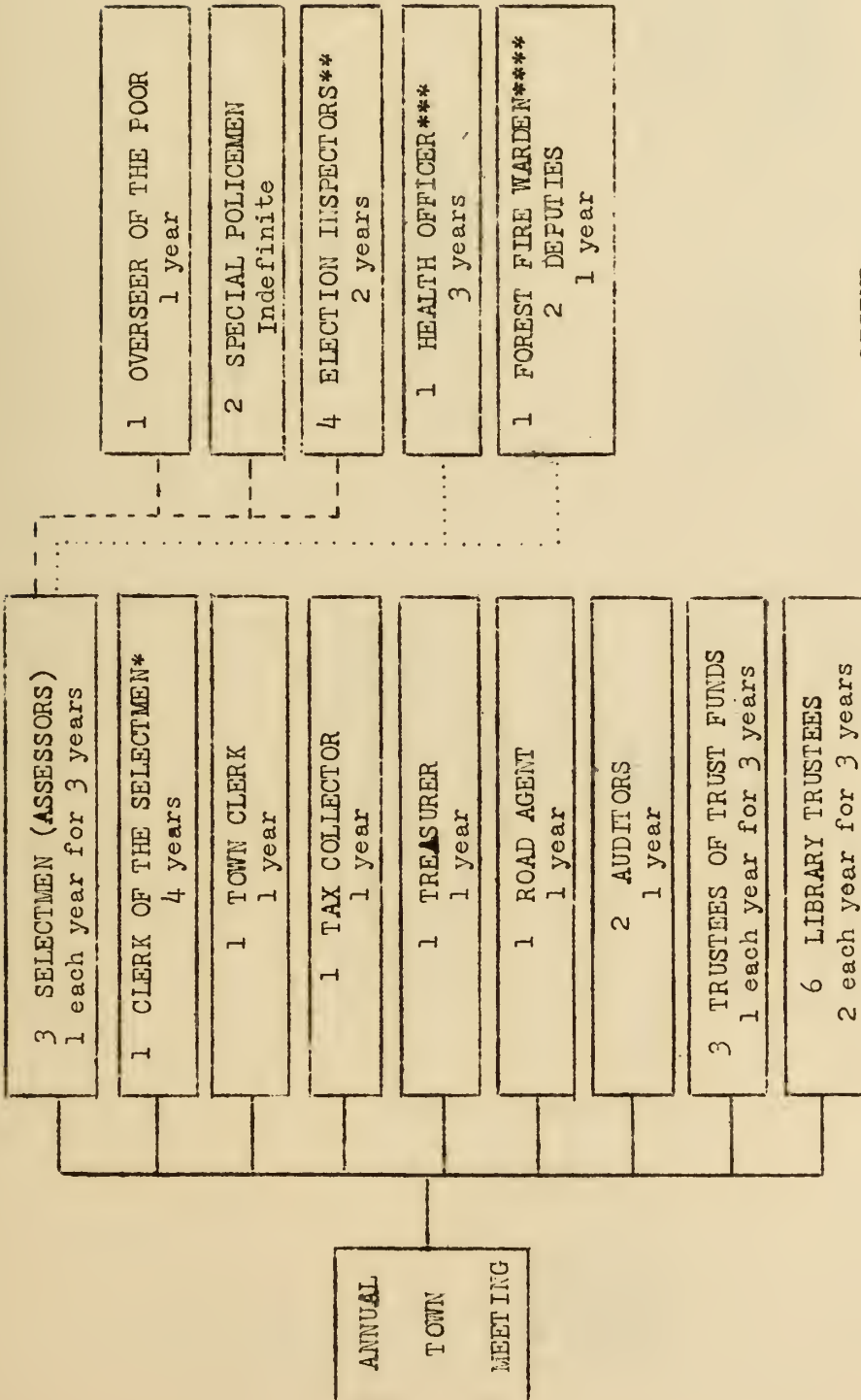
LEGEND

Elected -----



# CHART OF PRESENT CANTERBURY TOWN OFFICERS

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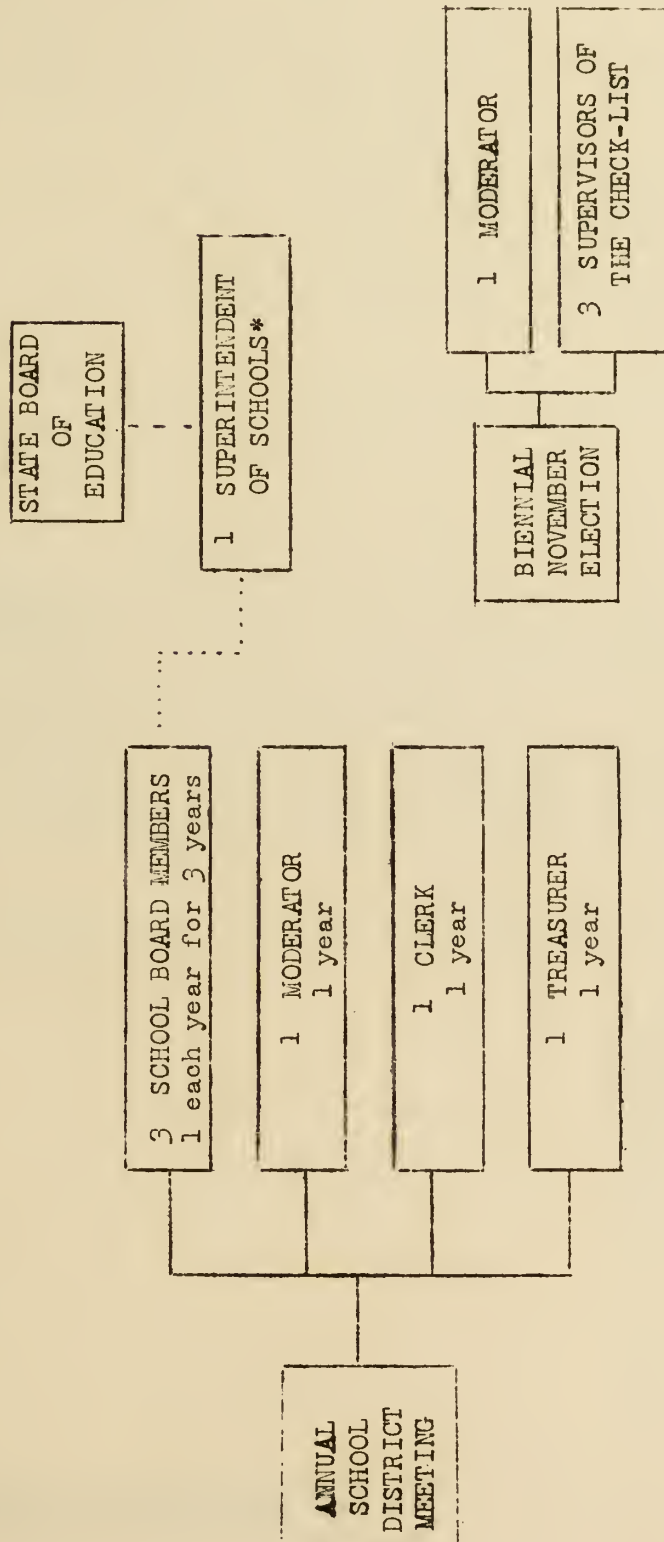


## LEGEND

Elected \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appointed - - - - -  
 Recommended .....  
 \* Elected in 1937 for a 4-year term.  
 \*\* Two of these designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.  
 \*\*\* Recommended by selectmen; appointed by State Board of Health.  
 \*\*\*\* Recommended by selectmen; appointed by State Forester.



PRESENT DAY CHART OF TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL  
NOVEMBER ELECTION AND SCHOOL OFFICERS



LEGEND

Elected \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appointed - - - - -  
 Nominated .....  
 \* Nominated by the school boards  
 of Supervisory Union #59; ap-  
 pointed by the State Board of  
 Education.



### 3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The charter granted to Canterbury in 1727 contained the stipulation that a meeting-house should be built within 4 years.<sup>1</sup> Actually, however, it was not until 1756 that a committee was appointed "to receive the Meeting House in behalf of the Proprietors as far as the said Meeting House is done, viz the outside finished, & the under Floor laid double."<sup>2</sup>

This building, with many alterations, is the present Canterbury town hall. It is a one-story wooden structure. The selectmen's office, 9' x 10½' x 12', contains the following facilities for the storing of records: two safes, 3' x 2' x 2' and 6' x 3½' x 2 2/3'; a wooden chest, 2 1/3' x 4' x 1½'; a steel file case, 2½' x 1 1/6' x 2'; and numerous shelves. Most of the selectmen's records are located in this office. The remainder are located at the home of George C. Asby, clerk of the selectmen, the Elkins Public Library, and in Concord at the New Hampshire Historical Society and the State Library.

Records not belonging to the selectmen, but kept in their office, consist of a few school registers; some records of the overseer of the poor, treasurer, town clerk, and supervisors of the check-list; and most of the tax collector's records.

The remainder of the Canterbury records, with some exceptions which will be noted in the individual office essays and entries, are located in the private homes of officials.

Recommendations. The crying need in many New Hampshire towns is for a fireproof town vault to provide a centralized depository for the records. This need is present in Canterbury, where the only fireproof protection is afforded by the two safes above mentioned.

Complete indexing of the Proprietors' Records and Town Minute Books would make conveniently accessible a considerable amount of valuable historical data. At present the originals of these records contain no index and the copies in the Secretary of State's office only a biographical index.

### 4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	. . . . .	alphabetically
anon.	. . . . .	anonymous
approx.	. . . . .	approximately
arr.	. . . . .	arranged, arrange- ment
bdl(s).	. . . . .	bundle(s)
chron.	. . . . .	chronologically
ch(s).	. . . . .	chapter(s)
<u>et passim</u>	. . . . .	and here and there
f. b.	. . . . .	file box(es)
hdw.	. . . . .	handwritten (in ink)
<u>ibid.</u>	. . . . .	ibidem (in the same place)

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 24:524.  
2. P. R., August 9, 1756, see entry 1.



Abbreviations, Symbols, and  
Explanatory Notes

(First entry, p. 23)

N. H. H. S.	. . . . .	New Hampshire His- torical Society
no.	. . . . .	number(ed)
numer.	. . . . .	numerically
off.	. . . . .	office
op. cit.	. . . . .	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
<u>passim</u>	. . . . .	here and there
p(p).	. . . . .	page(s)
P. R.	. . . . .	Proprietors' Records
ptd.	. . . . .	printed
res.	. . . . .	residence
sec(s).	. . . . .	section(s)
sel.	. . . . .	selectmen
supt.	. . . . .	superintendent
T. M. B.	. . . . .	Town Minute Books
v.	. . . . .	vault
vol(s).	. . . . .	volume(s)
--	. . . . .	to date
:	. . . . .	equivalent to (in maps)

Titles: Exact titles of records are written in solid caps without brackets, as in entry 1. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 12. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title, written with initial caps and enclosed in brackets, has been added, as in entry 2. Titles of artificial entries (those procured from another entry) are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets, as in entry 19. In the master entry, the subtitle, referring to the artificial entry, is neither enclosed in brackets nor capitalized (see entry 2-p); in some descriptions, the title of the entry referred to, as in entry 7, is inverted to correspond with alphabetical sequence, as in entry 2-q. When regular entries are referred to in the description of other entries, the exact title of the regular entry is not used, but merely a phrase descriptive of the records, as in entry 1-b; unless the exact title is brief and descriptive, as in entry 4-d.

Dates: First and last dates covered by a particular record are shown in the title-line of the entry. Continuous records are shown by a hyphen between the beginning and closing dates, as 1727-1863. Lapses in the records are indicated by commas between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1832-53, 1873-1907. Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, thus 1917--.

Labeling: Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of units, indicate the labeling of a record.

Cross References: Title-line cross references are used to complete series of records kept separately for a period of time, and in other records for different periods of time as in entry 2, "1732-73 in Canterbury Proprietors Records, entry 1-b." They are also used in all artificial entries--entries for records which must be shown separately under their proper office or section heading, even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the Inventory, as in entry 28, "1751-1843 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-j." In both instances, the description of the



master entry, or the entry covering a record of miscellaneous content, shows the kind of record and entry number from which the cross reference is made, as in entry 2-g, and 4-d. Dates of sub-entries within the master entry are shown only when they vary from those of the title line.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry are used to show prior, subsequent, or related records which are not parts of the same series.

Condition: Unless otherwise specified, it is to be assumed that the record is in good condition.

Size: When a series consists of more than one volume, it is understood that the pagination of the majority of the volumes, or that of the current volume, is given. The same rule applies to measurements of file boxes, file drawers, etc. Measurements are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated and therefore the symbol ("") has been omitted.

Location: The exact location of a record is usually given at the end of each entry. In the event that records of an official are all located in one place, a statement to that effect is made at the conclusion of the office sketch and location references are not made in the entries. If most, but not all, of the records are kept in one place, the office sketch names the place where the majority are located, and locations of the remainder are indicated in the entries.

Appendix: The appendix of this Inventory contains a few isolated records not connected with the regular records of the town.

Essay Titles: When several related offices are treated in the same essay, when an office has been succeeded by another, or when the name of an office has been changed, the later office, or the later name, is followed parenthetically, in the title of the essay, by the earlier office or the earlier name.

Footnotes: The footnote system needs little explanation that is not provided by the list of abbreviations and symbols, but a word might be said about the difference between "P. R." and "T. M. B." The former refers to Proprietors' Records and the latter to Town Minute Books, but since the town minutes are included in the proprietors' records through 1773, references to actions at town meetings prior to 1774 are footnoted to the proprietors' records, as the researcher would have to go to the proprietors' books for town minutes during that period. From 1774 to date town meeting references carry "T. M. B." footnotes.

One other matter, in connection with the footnotes, requires a few words of explanation. Owing to the fact that the numbering of the Canterbury minute volumes does not strictly follow their chronological sequence, the system of citing by year and month, rather than by volume and page, has been adopted as the only practicable method under the circumstances.



## B. TOWN OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

### I. TOWN CLERK

The Canterbury proprietors met October 31, 1727, and elected Samuel Smith as clerk.<sup>1</sup> The records of the proprietors mention the election of a proprietors' clerk in 1735, 1742, 1743, 1745, 1746, 1749-51, and 1773.<sup>2</sup> A "temporary clerk" was chosen in 1741, 1742, 1750, and 1786.<sup>3</sup> A clerk or town clerk was elected for the majority of years from 1731--.<sup>4</sup>

Unless otherwise stated, records will be found at the residence of Louis D. Morrill, town clerk.

#### Minutes

1. CANTERBURY PROPRIETORS RECORDS, 1727-92. 3 vols. and 1 duplicate vol., 1764-92 (dated, 2 vols., 1727-73; dated, labeled 1, 1 vol., 1764-92; labeled Vol. I, 1 duplicate vol., 1764-92). Title varies: Canterbury to State Library, 1764-92, 1 vol.; Records of Town Meetings, Canterbury, N. H., 1764-92, 1 duplicate vol.

#### Contains:

- a. Warrants and minutes of proprietors' meetings. Warrants: date, time, and place of meeting; list of articles; date of warrant; name of town (early warrants issued in Dover and Durham); and signatures of committeemen. Minutes: date, time, and place of meeting (early meetings held in Dover and Durham); action taken on articles; appointments of committees; election of officers; and signature of clerk of proprietors.
- b. Town meeting minutes, 1732-73, entry 2.
- c. Act adding tract of land to Canterbury, approved by the Provincial Assembly, 1765, showing description and location of land, metes and bounds, record of actions taken on bills, and names of Speaker, Governor, and Judicial Secretary.
- d. Charter, town, 1727. See New Hampshire State Papers, 24:524-527.
- e. Committee's acceptance of meeting-house, 1756, showing names of committeemen, statement of acceptance, and reference to meeting of proprietors at which building was authorized, 1743.
- f. Deed to land by an individual to proprietors, 1765, showing names and residences of grantor and grantee, amount of consideration, description of land, and names of signers--principals and witnesses.
- g. Election certificate, 1735, showing date, name of person elected (clerk of proprietors), and names of signers--selectmen.

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1. Lyford, op. cit., 1:6.
  2. P. R., June 16, 1735, et passim, 1742-73, see entry 1.
  3. Ibid., March 19, 1741, et passim, 1742-50; T. M. B., 1786, see entry 2.
  4. P. R., March 18, 1731, et passim, 1732-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., 1774--., see entry 2.



- h. Forty-acre lots, layout and list of owners of, 1759, showing names of owners, lot and division numbers, and metes and bounds.
- i. Home lots, owners of, 1749, showing names of town and owners, and numbers of lots.
- j. Hundred-acre lots, layout and list of owners of, 1759, showing names of owners, lot and division numbers, metes and bounds, conditions, and date of meeting.
- k. Intervale lot owners' list, 1749, showing names of proprietors drawing lots, and numbers of lots.
- m. Miscellaneous lots and lands, layout of, 1754, 1757, 1775, 1781, showing date, description of land, metes and bounds, name of owner, and reservations regarding future highways.
- n. Proprietors, schedule of, 1727, showing names of grantees.
- o. Recommendation of Mr. Cutler as minister, and inability of town to make satisfactory arrangements for his settlement, 1758.
- p. Report of committee to make corrections in proprietors' and town records, 1772, showing names of committeemen and proprietors authorizing work, and instructions.
- q. Sale of Canterbury Upper Fort, 1759, showing number of lots, consideration involved, conditions, amounts of highest bids, and names of highest bidders.
- r. Sale and deed of pews in meeting-house, 1756, showing names of vendue master and committeemen; and reasons for sale (to defray charges of building and finishing church edifice); and group deed to pew locations: names of purchasers, location on floor plan, amounts of highest bids, conditions, date of sale, and names of signers--committeemen and witnesses.
- s. Sale of common land, notice and conditions of, 1752, 1756, 1757, 1768, 1770, 1792, showing date, place, and time of sale; names of vendue master and purchaser; conditions; amount; and names of signers--committeemen.
- t. Sale of pew ground, conditions of, 1756, showing names of town and province, conditions, minimum bid acceptable, time limit for purchaser to build pew, agreement, and names of signers--committeemen.
- u. Second 100-acre lots, layout and division of, 1764, showing metes and bounds with reservations for future highways, names of owners, and numbers of lots.
- v. Thirty-eight-acre lots, 4th division, layout of, 1781, showing metes and bounds with reservation for future highways, names of owners, and numbers of lots.
- w. Thousand acres of land, 1745. Layout of 10 lots of 100 acres each, showing metes and bounds.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. and typed. 2 vols., 1727-73, 134 pp. 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 10 x 1; 1 vol., 1764-92, 400 pp. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 1 duplicate vol., 1764-92, 197 pp. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ . 3 vols., 1727-92, State Library; 1 duplicate vol., 1764-92, res. Mr. Morrill.

For excerpts of these records, see entry 3-c.



2. RECORD [Town Meeting Books], 1774--. 6 vols. (dated; numbered 2, 3, 2 vols., 1774-1845; unnumbered, 4 vols., 1832--). 1732-73 in Canterbury Proprietors Records, entry 1-b.

Warrants for and minutes of town meetings, 1732--. Warrants: date; names of town (parish), county, and State (Province); date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be acted upon; name of town where warrant issued (Dover, Durham, Canterbury); and names of signers--selectmen. Minutes: date, time, and place of meeting; articles voted upon; and signature of town clerk.

Also contains:

- a. Appointments of town officers, 1827--, showing date; name and residence of appointee; name of office; powers, duties, and liabilities of office; names of signers--selectmen--; and attest of town clerk. For original appointments, 1835-1917, see entry 56-a.
- b. Army discharge, 1920, showing date, names of soldier and commanding officer, enlistment number, personal description, branch and unit of service, rating, place of service and discharge, date of discharge, and attest of town clerk.
- c. Assignment of wages, 1933--, entry 31. No entries except in 1933.
- d. Auditors' reports, 1846, 1850, 1851, showing date, certification of findings, and names of signers--auditors. For copies of auditors' reports, 1938--, see entry 66; for auditors' printed reports, 1860--, see entry 32.
- e. Cemetery deed, 1926, entry 49.
- f. Elkins preaching fund, 1894. Bequest by James S. Elkins for local preaching: names of devisee and beneficiary, amount and condition of bequest, date of town meeting accepting bequest, and date and attest of town clerk. For record of trust funds, see entry 67.
- g. Fence agreements, 1780, 1824-49, entry 23.
- h. Highway committee report for relocation of highway, 1751, showing date, names of committeemen, statement of need in layouts, description of highway, award of damages due to change, names of property owners, description of land taken, and date of certification by selectmen and committeemen. For highway petitions and returns, 1751-1843, 1848-96, see entry 28.
- i. Highway damage awards, acceptance of, 1751, 1762, 1771, 1773, showing date and names of persons granted awards. For highway petitions and returns, 1751-1843, 1848-96, see entry 28.
- j. Highway petitions and returns, 1751-1843, entry 28.
- k. History committee report, 1913--. A progress and financial report for publishing and disposing of Canterbury town histories: statement of amounts borrowed from and returned to town, number of books printed and sold, number of subscribers not yet supplied, date, and names of committeemen.
- m. House of correction rules, 1827, 1834, showing date of town meeting voting adoption, names of officers in charge of house of correction, rules for treatment of prisoners, selection of town informers to report incidents, date of approval, and



names of signers--committeemen.

- n. Jury warrants and returns, 1773--. Public notice of drawing jurors for service: date, time, and place of meeting; date and place of court; date of warrant; and signature of town clerk. Return of warrant: date, time, and place of meeting; names of moderator and jurors selected; place and term of court; and amount to be paid jurors. For original warrants, 1892, see entry 56-q.
- o. Layout of highway districts, 1807, 1819, 1831, entry 29.
- p. Liquor and tavern licenses, 1796-1841, entry 19.
- q. Marriages, ministers' returns of, 1809-13, 1837, entry 7.
- r. Ministers' letters of acceptance, 1790, 1803, showing names of church society and town, conditions of acceptance, date, and name of signer--minister.
- s. Ministerial tax, refusal to pay, 1803, showing name of society, date, reasons for refusal, and names of signers--dissenters.
- t. Minutes of meetings of First Congregational Society, 1848, 1924. 1848, showing name of society, resolution directing selectmen to dispose of parsonage money, discussion regarding title to meeting-house land, committee appointed to receive money, and attest of clerk of society; 1924 meeting, showing approval of articles of association.
- u. Oaths of town officers, 1834--, showing date, name and address of appointee, and names of office and of official administering oath. For original oaths, 1835-1917, see entry 56-t.
- v. Perambulations of town lines, 1750-1877, entry 30.
- w. Personal mortgages, 1846, entry 10.
- x. Petition for warrant for town meeting, 1932, showing date, reason, proposed date of meeting, names of selectmen, and names of signers--petitioners.
- y. Pole locations, petitions and orders for, 1926--, showing date, name and address of petitioner (utility company), names of selectmen, and location of proposed poles; order: date, approval of location, and names of signers--selectmen.
- z. Pole removals, petitions and orders for, 1935, showing date of request, names of public utility company and selectmen, and location of poles; order: date of approval, location of poles, and names of signers--selectmen.
- aa. Quitclaim agreement, 1781, between proprietors of Canterbury and Rumford (Concord). A release of rights of Rumford proprietors of certain lands under dispute: date, description of property, and names of signers--committeemen from both towns.
- ab. Removals from public office, 1860, 1876, showing names of office and official, reason, date of order, names of selectmen, date effective, and attest of town clerk.
- ac. Right of way agreements between selectmen and landowners, 1767, showing layout of right of way, description of terminals, amount of consideration, date of agreement, and names of signers--selectmen and landowners.
- ad. Roaming animals, by-laws affecting, 1825, showing date of town meeting, reasons, regulations, locations of restricted areas, penalty for offense, and names of committeemen appointed.



- ae. School districts, layout of, 1846, entry 26.
  - af. School lot, layout of, 1827, showing date of return, location and description of land, and names of signers--selectmen.
  - ag. School Lot No. 11, sale of, 1818, showing date, condition, description, and location of lot; date and place of sale; names of vendue master and purchaser; and attest of town clerk.
  - ah. Stray notices, 1806-60, entry 22.
  - ai. Tax collector's bond, 1848, showing names of sureties and collector; purpose, condition, and term of bond; and names of signers--principals and witnesses.
  - aj. Tax collectors' warrants, 1744, 1773, entry 58.
  - ak. Tax rate list, 1733, 1744. Sums required from each proprietor for his proportion of town expenses: name of province, date and place of meeting voting tax, and names of proprietors with sums assessed each.
  - am. Tax sales, 1745-1859, entry 16.
  - an. Town farm reports, 1846, 1850, 1851, showing date, value and quantity of real and personal property; statement of receipts and expenditures; statistics on paupers; names of selectmen; and attest of town clerk. For related records, see entry 56-ao.
  - ao. Town line markers, certification of, 1771, showing place of marker, description of marks, and names of signers--14 witnesses.
  - ap. Town officers' resignations, 1853, 1869, 1893, 1923, showing date, name of official, date effective, reason, and attest of town clerk.
  - aq. Writs of attachment, 1929, entry 14.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ptd. forms and headings, and typed on ptd. headings. 550 pp. 14 x 18½ x 1¼. 5 vols., 1774-1902, State Library; 1 vol., 1902--, res. Mr. Morrill.
- For original warrants and minutes, see entry 56-ap, as; for copies of these records, 1774-1832, see entry 3-d.

### 3. CANTERBURY TOWN RECORDS, 1727-1863. 3 vols.

Secretary of State's copies of proprietors' and town records, containing:

- a. Invoice records, 1774-1807, showing information as in entry 45.
- b. Mark book, 1760-1863, showing information as in entry 21.
- c. Proprietors' records, 1727-92, showing information as in entry 1.
- d. Town records, 1774-1832, showing information as in entry 2.
- e. Vital statistics, 1740-1845, showing information as in entry 4.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed biographically. Hdw. 900 pp. 14½ x 9½ x 3½. Secretary of State's v., Concord.

### Vital Statistics

- 4. RECORD MARRIAGES [and Intentions] BIRTHS DEATHS, 1696--. 4 vols. and 1 duplicate vol., 1696-1894, State Library, Concord. (unnumbered, 3 vols., 1696-1894, 1899--; 1 vol., Vol. II, 1783-1898). Title varies: Index Births, Marriages, Deaths, Canterbury, N. H., 1696-1894, 1 vol.; untitled, 1696-1894, 1 vol.

Contains:

- a. Family records, 1696-1894, showing names of parents (mother's maiden name occasionally given), date and kind of event,



(birth, marriage, death), names of parties concerned, occasional date of filing and recording, and attest of town clerk.

- b. Births, 1723--. 1723-1812, showing names of parents and child, sex, and date of birth. 1813-57, adds number and color of child, and occasional attest by town clerk. 1858-78, adds living or stillborn, place of birth; maiden name of mother; and residence, color, occupations, and birthplaces of parents. 1879--, adds ages of parents, and name and address of person reporting birth. For original certificates of birth, 1938--, see entry 5-a.
- c. Marriages, 1776--. 1776-1858, showing date, names and residences of contracting parties, name of person performing marriage, and attest of town clerk. 1859-78, adds ages, color, occupations, birthplaces, and marital status of contracting parties; place of marriage; names and birthplaces of parents; and residence and official station of person performing ceremony. 1879-98, adds residence and color of parents. 1899--, adds ages of parents, and date intentions filed. For original certificates of marriage, 1938--, see entry 5-b.
- d. Marriage intentions, 1841-54, entry 6.
- e. Marriage certificates, 1841-56, showing date, names and residences of contracting parties and justices, and attest of town clerk. For original marriage certificates, 1938--, see entry 5-b.
- f. Marriages, ministers' returns of, 1794-1859, entry 7.
- g. Marriages, justices' returns of, 1795-1844, showing date, names and residences of contracting parties, period covered by return, name of justice, and attest of town clerk. For ministers' returns of marriages, 1794-1859, see entry 7.
- h. Deaths, 1851--. 1851-98, showing name, age, sex, color, marital status, occupation, and birthplace of deceased; date, place, and cause of death; names, birthplaces, and residence of parents. 1899--, adds date of birth, name of institution if death occurred there, length of time an inmate, place of last residence, name and place of cemetery, date of interment, contributing causes of death, duration of illness, maiden name of mother, and names and residences of physician and mortician. For original death certificates, 1938--, see entry 5-c; for related records, see entry 56-h, i.
- i. Draft roll, 1863, showing list of persons drafted for military duty. For related records, see entry 53.
- j. Militia rolls, 1862-68, entry 53.
- k. Muster rolls, 1862-64, showing date, names of persons mustered as volunteers, and attest of town clerk. For related records, see entry 53.
- m. Re-enlistment roll, 1864, showing names of persons re-enlisting for 3 years. For related records, see entry 53.

Arr. chron. under each event. Indexed alph. by name of groom, child, or deceased. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 1 vol., 1696-1894, 250 pp. 12½ x 8½ x 1; 1 vol., 1783-1898, 300 pp. 19 x 12½ x 1½; 2 vols., 1899--, 340 pp. 17 x 11 x 1½. Res.

For excerpts of these records, 1740-1845, see entry 3-e.



5. VITAL STATISTICS, CANTERBURY, N. H., Jan. 1938--.  
1 vol.

Contains original:

- a. Birth certificates, showing information about child: register number, place and address of birth, full name, sex, color, if plural births, premature or full term, and birthdate; information about parents: names, residence, color, ages, birthplaces, and occupations; number of children born of mother; born alive and now living, born alive and now dead; and stillborn. Certificate of attending physician or midwife: date, signature, and address of physician or other person certifying this record. Date filed, name of town clerk, date given name added from supplemental report, and signature of town clerk. For records of birth, 1723--, see entry 4-b; for birth returns by physicians, 1864, 1865, see entry 56-c.
- b. Marriage intention certificates and marriage certificates. Intentions of marriage certificates: full names, addresses, ages, color, marital status, occupations, and birthplaces of prospective bride and groom; names, addresses, ages, color, occupations, and birthplaces of parents, and whether living or deceased; date and signatures of intending parties; date intention entered and recorded; date of physician's statement and record of blood tests received by town clerk; date certificate issued; and signature of town clerk. Marriage certificates: date, place, name, and official designation of person performing marriage; signature of official; date record filed; register number; and signature of town clerk. For records of marriage intentions, 1854--, see entry 6; for records of marriage, 1776--, see entry 4-c; for records of marriage certificates, 1841-56, see entry 4-e.
- c. Death certificates: register number, names of county and town, village or institution where death occurred, length of residence where death occurred, and in United States, if foreign born; name, address, sex, color, marital status, date of birth, age, occupation and birthplace of deceased; names (mother's maiden name) and birthplaces of parents, father's occupation, signature and address of informant; burial, cremation, or removal (date, place, and name of cemetery); and signature and address of funeral director. Medico-legal certificate of death for use of medical referees; date of death, time of death as certified by medical referee, principal and contributory causes of death, duration of condition, place disease contracted or injury sustained, if premature (month of gestation); date of operation if any, for what disease or injury, organ or part affected, laboratory test, and assisting diagnosis; autopsy if performed: accident, suicide, or homicide, date and place of injury, manner and nature of injury (occupational), date signed, name of county, and signature of medical referee. Countersigned and burial or transit permit issued by town clerk, dates issued and filed, and date and attest of town clerk. For records of death, 1851--, see entry 4-h; for related records, see entry 56-h, i.



Town Clerk - Receipts and  
Payments, Mortgages,  
Conditional Sales, Writs

- d. Blood test findings, Oct. 1938--, showing statement from State Laboratory of Hygiene that blood test has been performed from specimen: names of applicant and physician, results, and signature of State official.

Arr. chron. by date of event. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 200 pp. 11½ x 9½ x 2½.

6. MARRIAGE INTENTIONS, 1854--. 1 vol. 1841-54 in Record Marriages [and Intentions] Births Deaths, entry 4-d.

Date; name of town; names, residences, and ages of intending parties; remarks; and attest and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 100 pp. 10¾ x 8½ x ½.

For original certificates of intentions of marriage, 1938--, see entry 5-b.

7. [MINISTERS' RETURNS OF MARRIAGES], 1794-1859. In Record Marriages [and Intentions] Births Deaths, entry 4-f. 1809-13, 1837 also in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-q.

Date, names and residences of contracting parties, name of minister or elder, period covered by return, and attest of town clerk.

For justices' returns of marriages, 1795-1844, see entry 4-g.

8. REGISTRAR'S MEMORANDA [Stubs of Burial Permits], 1913--. 7 vols. (dated). Prior records missing.

Names of person given permit, deceased, and cemetery; dates of death and interment; age (years, months, days); cause of death; and permit number.

Arr. chron. by date of permit and numer. thereunder by permit no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 22 pp. 5¼ x 5¼ x 1/8.

Receipts and Payments

9. TOWN CLERK'S RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BOOK, 1926--. 1 vol. System began 1926.

Receipts: date, amount, and source (automobile permits and dog licenses); payments: date, to whom, purpose (clerk's fee for issuing dog license, and amount paid treasurer); and amount deposited in bank. Arr. chron. by date of transaction and numer. thereunder by permit or license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 282 pp. 15¾ x 11¼ x 2.

For selectmen's record of receipts and payments, 1832-53, 1873-1907, 1917--, see entry 33; for treasurer's record of receipts and payments, 1853-1914, 1917--, see entry 61.

Mortgages, Conditional Sales, Writs

10. PERSONAL MORTGAGES, 1834--. 4 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies slightly. 1846 also in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-w.

Mortgages of personal property recorded by town clerk: names of mortgagee and mortgagor, description of property, provisions and agreements, amount



of consideration, dates of instrument and payment, jurat, date recorded, and attest of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 1834-51, 240 pp. 12 x 8 x 3/4; 1847-75, 430 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 1/2; 1876-1906, 355 pp. 14 1/8 x 9 x 1 1/4; 1906-- , 694 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 4 1/2. 2 vols., 1834-75, Elkins Library; 2 vols., 1876-- , res. Mr. Morrill.

11. CONDITIONAL SALES, 1894-- . 2 vols. Prior records missing. Title varies: Record, 1894-1924, 1 vol. Date, names and addresses of buyer and seller, description of property sold, conditions, amount of consideration, terms of payment, date and time of filing, and attest of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of buyer. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 1894-1924, 145 pp. 14 x 8 3/4 x 1 1/2; 1925-- , 400 pp. 14 1/4 x 8 x 3. For copies of conditional sales, 1923-- , see entry 12.

12. [CONDITIONAL SALES], 1923-- . Approx. 100 loose papers. Prior papers missing. Copies of conditonal sales, showing information as in entry 11. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 12 x 7.

13. WRITS [of Attachment], scattered dates 1906-- . 29 documents in 1 bdl. 1796-1905, also 1906-26 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 56-at. Court order directing sheriff to hold goods or estate belonging to defendant pending court judgment in an action to collect unpaid debts instituted by plaintiff, and further ordering service of summons on defendant to appear and enter defense: names of county, plaintiff, and defendant; date and place of court; amount of attachment; plaintiff's statement of cause for action; date of writ; and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 8 3/4 x 3 1/2 x 1 1/4. For record of writs, 1849-1922, see entry 14.

14. [RECORD OF WRITS OF ATTACHMENT], 1849-1922. 1 vol. 1929 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-aq. Date, name, and term of court; and names of plaintiff and defendant. Arr. chron. by date of filing and alph. thereunder by names of plaintiff and defendant or defendant and plaintiff. No index. Hdw. 26 pp. 12 1/2 x 8 x 1/2. For original writs of attachment, 1906-- , see entry 13.

#### Taxation

15. INVOICE RECORDS, 1815-- . 9 vols. (dated). Title varies slightly. Town clerk's record of selectmen's invoices, showing information as in entry 45. Arr. chron. by date of invoice and alph. thereunder by name of resident and non-resident taxpayer within each no. or named district. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 600 pp. 17 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 2 1/4. 2 vols., 1815-45, Elkins Library; 3 vols., 1846-87, sel. off.; 4 vols., 1888-- , res. Mr. Morrill.



Town Clerk - Licenses, Permits;  
Cattle Marks, Strays, Fences

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16. [TAX SALES], 1745-1878. 1745-1859 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-am; 1854-78 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-p.

Names of Province (State), town, and delinquent taxpayer; description of property; statement that sale was advertised; names of vendue master and/or collector; date, time, and place of sale; name of highest bidder; amount paid; and names of signers--vendue master and/or collector.

For collector's record of tax sales, 1927--, see entry 57.

#### Licenses, Permits

17. RECORD LICENSED DOGS, 1900-1926. 2 vols. 1927-34, missing. Discontinued 1935.

Names of town and owner, number and date of license, name and sex of dog, expiration date, amount of license paid, and date and to whom transferred. Arr. chron. by date of license and numer. thereunder by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 60 pp. 13 3/4 x 8 1/2 x 1/4.

18. [DOG LICENSE STUBS], 1911--. 9 stub books. Prior records missing.

1911-37, showing date, number and term of license, date of expiration, names of dog and owner, and signature of town clerk. 1937--, adds sex, age, breed, and color of dog; residence of owner; and amount paid for license. Arr. chron. by date of entry and numer. thereunder by no. of license. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1911-36, 270 pp. 5 1/2 x 5 1/4 x 1 1/4; 1936--, 100 pp. 5 1/4 x 4 x 1/2.

19. [LIQUOR AND TAVERN LICENSES], 1796-1841, 1850, 1858. 1796-1841 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-p; 1850, 1858 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-g.

Date and term of license, name and residence of taverner or seller, and names of signers--selectmen.

20. [Stubs of] PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, 1930--. 33 stub books. Prior records destroyed.

Number of permit; date; name of town; name and address of car owner; make, kind, and color of car; maker's number and list price; year of manufacture; amount received; and signature of town clerk. Arr. chron. by date of permit and numer. thereunder by no. of permit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 50 pp. 5 x 3 x 1/2.

#### Cattle Marks, Strays, Fences

21. MARK BOOK, 1760-1863. 1 pamphlet.

Record of cattle marks certified by town clerk for identification purposes: date, name of owner, and description of mark. On one page appears a record of stray animals: date, name of finder, and description of animal. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. 64 pp. 6 x 4 x 1/4. State Library.

For stray notices, 1806-77, see entry 22; for excerpts of these records, see entry 3-b.



22. [STRAY NOTICES], 1806-77. 1806-60 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-ah; 1855-77 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-n.

Date and place of impounding, number and description of animal, conditions for release, name of finder, date of notice, and attest of town clerk.

For related record of stray animals, 1760-1863, see entry 21.

23. [FENCE AGREEMENTS], 1780, 1824-49, 1851-92, 1780, 1824-49 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-g; 1851-92 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-d.

Names and residences of parties concerned, locations and descriptions of fences, date and place of agreement, and attest of town clerk.

#### Miscellaneous

24. [Miscellaneous] RECORDS, LAYOUT OF ROADS, FENCES & AGREEMENTS, 1848-1928. 1 vol.

#### Contains:

- a. Adoption of text books, 1883, 1885, showing date of notice, names of books, term of use, and names of signers--school committee.
- b. Appointments of liquor agents, 1855-59, showing names of office and person appointed, conditions and term of office, date, and names of signers--selectmen.
- c. Assignment of wages, 1877, entry 31.
- d. Fence agreements, 1851-92, entry 23.
- e. Highway petitions and returns, 1848-96, entry 28.
- f. Licenses to occupy highway, 1850, 1851. Permission by selectmen for private use of portions of public roads: date, name of licensee, location, reason, term of license, and names of signers--selectmen.
- g. Liquor and tavern licenses, 1850, 1858, entry 19.
- h. Perambulations of town lines, 1859, 1928, entry 30.
- i. Petition for burying ground and return, 1868. Petition: date, reasons, and names of petitioners; return: date of hearing, order establishing Maple Grove Cemetery with metes and bounds, award of damages with names of land owners, names of petitioners, and names of signers--selectmen.
- j. School districts, layout of, 1849, 1851, entry 26.
- k. School district petitions and returns, 1851-78. Requests for location and repairs of school houses, and division of school districts: date of petition, location and description of school house or district, reasons, names of property owners affected, and names of signers--petitioners. Notice of hearing: date, time, and place of hearing; decision of selectmen; and names of signers--selectmen.
- m. School regulations, 1870, 1873, showing duties of teachers, care of school rooms, text books to be used, responsibility of students and teachers, and names of signers--school committee-men.
- n. Stray notices, 1855-77, entry 22.



- o. Tax redemptions, 1856, 1874-79, showing date, names of purchaser and redeemer, amount, and name of signer--tax collector. For subsequent records, 1927--, see entry 57.
- p. Tax sales, 1854-78, entry 16.

Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. 220 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 3/4. Sel. off.

- 25. [Dissolved School District Records] CLERK'S BOOK FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, 1818-86, 1899. 7 vols. Title varies slightly.

Warrants and minutes of dissolved school districts 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, and 12. Warrants: date, time, and place of meeting; name of town; district number; date and place of warrant; articles to be voted upon; and names of signers --prudential committeemen. Minutes: date, time, and place of meeting; district number; articles voted upon; reports of committees; and signature of school clerk.

Also contains:

- a. Financial reports of prudential committee: date, items of expense, amount paid, and total; amount received, balance on hand; and attest of school clerk.
- b. Layout of highway districts, entry 29.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 1/2. 6 vols., 1818-86, 1899, Elkins Library; 1 vol., 1882-85, res. Ervin Cogswell, library trustee.

For petitions for school meeting warrant, 1832-76, see entry 56-aa.

- 26. [LAYOUT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS], 1846, 1849-51. 1846 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-ae; 1849, 1850 in Boundaries of School Districts 1849--Notes Given by Town, entry 54-a; 1849, 1851 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-j.

Date; number of school districts; names of committeemen, town, county, and State; description of bounds; date of return; and attest of town clerk.

For selectmen's report on school boundary disputes, 1853, see entry 54-d.

- 27. CLERK'S OFFICE RECORD OF FIRES, 1916--. 1 vol. Prior records missing. Last entry 1938.

Date of fire; class of building (wood, brick, or stone); how occupied (dwelling, store, manufactory); names of owner and occupant; value of, damage to, insurance upon, and insurance paid on building and contents; total or partial loss; cause of fire; and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 36 pp. 9 3/8 x 11 7/8 x 1/4.

- 28. [HIGHWAY PETITIONS AND RETURNS], 1751-1843, 1848-96. 1751-1843 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-j; 1848-96 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-e.

Petitions: date, names of petitioners, reasons, and names of signers--petitioners. Notice of hearing; date, time, and place of hearing; dates of notice and petition; and names of signers--selectmen. Return of petition: date, time, and place of hearing; action taken; and award of damages.



For original petitions, 1820-85, see entry 56-m; for records of layout of highways, 1807, 1818-86, 1899, see entry 29; for relocation of highway, 1751, see entry 2-h; for acceptance of highway damages, 1751, 1762, 1771, 1773, see entry 2-i.

29. [LAYOUT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS], 1807, 1818-86, 1899. 1807, 1819, 1831 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-o; 1818-86, 1899 in [Dissolved School District Records] Clerk's Book for School District No. 6, entry 25-b; 1856, 1879 in Boundaries of Highway Districts [and Miscellaneous], entry 52-a.

District number, metes and bounds, names of land owners and highway, and date of return.

For records of highway petitions and returns, 1751-1843, 1848-96, see entry 28; for original highway petitions and returns, 1820-85, see entry 56-m.

30. [PERAMBULATIONS OF TOWN LINES], 1750-1877, 1928. 1750-1877 in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-v; 1859, 1928 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-h.

Date of meeting, names of towns concerned, metes and bounds, date of return, and names of signers--committeemen or selectmen.

For originals, 1800-1928, see entry 56-z.

31. [ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES], 1877, 1933--. 1877 in [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, entry 24-c; 1933-- in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-c.

Names of creditor, employee, and employer; amount of debt; terms of assignment; amount payable periodically; dates of order and acceptance by employer; and attest of town clerk.

## II. SELECTMEN

Canterbury's first selectmen, Paul Gerrish, Paul Wentworth, and John Smith, were named in the charter granted May 27, 1727.<sup>1</sup> The records show the election of three selectmen in 1731; and five in 1732, 1733, and 1737.<sup>2</sup> Three were elected annually for the majority of the years 1739-1920.<sup>3</sup> In 1921 three were elected to serve for 1, 2, and 3 years respectively. Since 1921, one selectman has been elected annually for a term of 3 years.<sup>4</sup> In 1937 a clerk of the selectmen was elected for a 4-year term.<sup>5</sup>

Unless otherwise stated, records are located at the selectmen's office, town hall.

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1. New Hampshire State Papers, 24:525.
  2. P. R., March 18, 1731, March 16, 1732, March 14, 1733, May 19, 1737, see entry 1.
  3. Ibid., 1739-73, passim; T. M. B., 1774-1920, passim, see entry 2.
  4. See New Hampshire Laws of 1921, ch. 9.
  5. T. M. B., March 9, 1937, see entry 2.



Selectmen - Reports; Active  
Financial Records

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Reports

32. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, 1860--.

80 vols. and 144 duplicate vols.

Annual reports of selectmen, town clerk, tax collector, town treasurer, overseer of the poor, road agent, librarian, auditors, school board, school district treasurer, superintendent of schools, and school nurse. Town budget, list of town officers, warrant for annual town meeting, statement of appropriations and expenditures, schedule of town property, trust fund and library reports, school warrant, and vital statistics. Early reports less detailed. Arr. departmentally. No index. Ptd. 75 pp. 9 x 6 x 1/4. 75 vols., 1861-62, 1864-68, 1870-1911, 1913-14, 1916-39, Elkins Library; 5 vols., and 74 duplicate vols., 1860--, N. H. H. S.; 70 duplicate vols., 1860, 1867, 1871-1939, State Library.

For prior original selectmen's reports, 1829-43, see entry 56-ah; for records of auditors' reports, 1846, 1850-51, see entry 2-d; for copy of auditors' reports, 1938--, see entry 66.

Active Financial Records

33. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 1832-53, 1873-1907, 1917--.

6 vols. 1813-32 in [Selectmen's Miscellaneous Record], entry 55-f.

Selectmen's record of receipts and payments. Receipts: date, from whom, amount, and total; payments: date, name of payee, voucher (order) number, purpose, amount, and total; and yearly certification by auditors. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 vol., 1832-53, 270 pp. 12 1/2 x 8 x 1; 1 vol., 1873-1907, 456 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/4; 4 vols., 1917--, 100 pp. 10 1/8 x 16 x 1. 5 vols., 1832-53, 1873-1907, 1917-Oct. 1936, sel. off.; 1 vol., Nov. 1936--, res. George C. Asby, clerk of the selectmen.

For treasurer's record of receipts and payments, 1853-1914, 1917--, see entry 61; for town clerk's record of receipts and payments, 1926--, see entry 9.

34. RECORD [of Notes], 1861--. 4 vols. Title varies:  
Journal, 1861-1912, 1 vol. 1830-49 in [Miscellaneous]  
Account of Literary Fund and Money Left by Benjamin  
Whidden--Kimball Fund for Ham Cemetery, entry 42-e.

Date and number of note; amount borrowed; date of authorization; names of town, State, and payee; name and address of bank; annual interest rate; signatures of selectmen; and counter signature of treasurer.

Also contains:

- a. Bounty payments to volunteers and draftees, 1862-64, showing names of soldiers, substitutes, regiment, and company; dates of enlistment and lists; amount paid each; and total.
- b. List of volunteers previous to payment of bounties, 1861, showing date of enlistment and names of soldiers.

Arr. chron. and numer. thereunder by no. of note. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 vol., 1861-1912, 143 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1913-23, 200 pp. 10 x 8 x 1; 2 vols., 1924--, 50 pp. 9 x 17 x 1/2.

For original town notes, 1820-1913, see entry 56-aq.



Selectmen - Inactive Financial  
Records

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35. [SELECTMEN'S VOUCHERS], 1922--. Approx. 18,000 papers in 2 cartons, 3 bdls. (dated).

Vouchers with bills attached supporting payments. Vouchers: date and number of voucher; name and address of payee; amount; and purpose such as current operation and maintenance, new construction and improvements, indebtedness payments, and payments to other governmental divisions. Bills: date, name of town, name and address of creditor, itemized list of supplies furnished or services rendered with date, unit price, purpose and amount, and receipt of creditor with date and signature. The orders are sent to the treasurer who issues a check in payment. Arr. chron. by date of payment and numer. thereunder by voucher no. No index. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and headings. Cartons, 15 x 12 x 12; bdls., 10 x 8 1/2 x 4. 2 cartons and 2 bdls., 1922-38, sel. off.; 1 bdl., 1939--, res. Mr. Asby.

For orders detached from vouchers, 1932--, see entry 62; for record of orders, 1906-17, see entry 38.

36. [Stubs of] LICENSE TO CARRY PISTOLS, 1924--. 2 vols.

Law requiring this record passed 1923.

Date; number; name, address, and personal description of licensee; duration of license (one year); and signature of licensee. Arr. chron. by date of license and numer. thereunder by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 25 pp. 4 1/4 x 5 1/2 x 1/8.

Inactive Financial Records

37. SELECTMEN'S [Personal] ACCOUNTS, 1845-1906. 3 vols. (dated, 2 vols., 1845-75, 1893-1906; undated, 1 vol., 1866-92). Prior and subsequent records not kept. Title varies slightly.

Individual selectmen's accounts for official services and expenses, showing date and kind of service, name of selectman, amount, and total. Arr. chron. by date of service under name of selectman. No index. Hdw. 2 vols., 1845-75, 1893-1906, 250 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1866-92, 200 pp. 7 3/4 x 5 1/4 x 1/2.

38. TOWN ORDER BOOK, 1906-17. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Record of orders on treasurer drawn by selectmen: date, to whom, order number, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of order and numer. thereunder by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 143 pp. 9 1/2 x 12 x 1.

For original orders drawn on treasurer, 1932--, see entry 62; for selectmen's vouchers from which orders are drawn, 1922--, see entry 35.

39. [TOWN FARM JOURNAL], 1858-65. 1 vol. Isolated record.

Accounts of town with overseer of poor. Receipts: date, from whom, particulars, and amount; payments: date, to whom, purpose, and amount. Much business was transacted through medium of barter.



Also contains:

- a. Auction sale at town farm of property of minors, Dec. 30, 1865, showing information as in entry 45-a.
- b. List of paupers at farm, 1858-60, showing date; name and age of pauper; and date discharged, left, or died.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 162 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 3/4

40. [LITERARY FUND ACCOUNT], 1829-Mar. 22, 1899. 1829-32 in [Selectmen's Miscellaneous Record], entry 55-d; 1832-Mar. 22, 1899 in [Miscellaneous] Account of Literary Fund and Money Left by Benjamin Whidden--Kimball Fund for Ham Cemetery, entry 42-c.

Receipts: date, from whom, amount, and total; payments: date, to whom, purpose, amount, and total; balance; and total disposition of fund March 22, 1899.

41. [MONEY FROM SALE OF PARSONAGE LAND], 1830-45. 1830-32 in [Selectmen's Miscellaneous Record], entry 55-e; 1832-45 in [Miscellaneous] Account of Literary Fund and Money Left by Benjamin Whidden--Kimball Fund for Ham Cemetery, entry 42-d.

Number of parsonage lot, date and amount of sale; and payments: date, amount, and name of Baptist Society treasurer to whom payments were made.

42. [Miscellaneous] ACCOUNT OF LITERARY FUND AND MONEY LEFT BY BENJAMIN WHIDDEN--KIMBALL FUND FOR HAM CEMETERY, 1830-1907. 1 vol.

Contains:

- a. Benjamin Whidden Preaching Fund, 1873. Town treasurer's receipt for trust fund: date received (Feb. 20, 1873); amount (\$200); names of devisee, beneficiary, and administrator; and provisions. For related records of trust funds, see entry 67.
- b. Kimball Fund for Ham Cemetery, 1906-1907. Receipts and expenditures of trust fund from Mrs. Joseph Kimball for care of Ham Cemetery, showing date of creation; purpose; amount of fund (\$200); interest: amounts and dates received; expenditures: purpose and amount; and balance. For related records of trust funds, see entry 67.
- c. Literary fund account, 1832-Mar. 22, 1899, entry 40.
- d. Money from sale of parsonage land, 1832-45, entry 41.
- e. Record of notes, 1830-49, entry 34.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 7 1/2 x 6 x 1/2.

#### Taxation

43. [BLOTTER BOOKS], 1878, 1882-86, 1889-95, 1897, 1901-1903, 1922-29, 1931--. 67 vols. (dated).

Original lists of taxable property and polls: number of polls; improved and unimproved lands and buildings; number and value of horses, asses, mules, cows, oxen, other neat stock, sheep, hogs, fur-bearing animals, electric plants, vehicles, portable mills, boats and launches, and wood and lumber not stock in trade; value of gasoline pumps and tanks, and stock in trade;



value of mills and machinery; total valuation; soldiers' exemptions; State, county, town, school, and highway taxes; bank stock taxes; poll tax; total amount of taxes; and number of dogs. 1878-1936, arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer; 1937--, arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer within each section, viz. south, east, west. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 100 pp. 8 x 13 1/2 x 1/2.

For digest of blotter books, 1937--, see entry 44; for invoice records, 1776-1807, 1816--, see entry 45.

44. MASTER LIST, 1937--. 3 vols. (dated). System began 1937.

Recapitulation of blotter books in digest form separated into sections: south, east, west, non-resident, general recapitulation, property owned by town, soldiers' exemptions, and other exemptions. Summary: total of all items of all districts, and of all soldiers' exemptions; property owned by town; list of buildings, public lands, lands held for taxes, town and highway equipment, value of furniture, and total value; soldiers' exemptions: name of soldier, assessed value of property, total amount of exemption, and net of assessable property; other exemptions: name of organization exempted by law (churches) and total estimated value. Arr. by divisions and alph. thereunder by name of person or organization. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 150 pp. 8 x 13 1/2 x 1. Res. Mr. Asby.

For blotter books, see entry 43.

45. INVOICE RECORDS, 1776-1807, 1816--. 33 vols. (dated).

Prior records missing.

Lists of taxable property and polls. 1776-1807, 1816-35, showing name of taxpayer; number of polls, stavos, and mowing, tillage, pasture, and orchard acres; number of oxen, cows, horses, studs, mills and ferries; amount of money at interest; value of chaises; stock in trade; bank stock; and total tax. 1836-65, adds number and value of neat stock, sheep, machinery, real estate, and total; and amounts of school, town, State, county, and highway tax. 1866-1936, adds description, value, and number of improved and unimproved lands, buildings, mills, factories and their machinery, mules, and asses; stocks in public funds; money on hand--at interest--on deposit; total and reduced value of estate; and number of dogs. 1937--, adds number and value of hogs, fowl, fur-bearing animals, vehicles, portable mills, boats and launches, wood and lumber not stock in trade, and total valuation; total amount; and selectmen's certification with their signatures. Early invoices are accompanied with constable's warrant.

Also contains:

- a. Auction sale at town farm of property of minors, Dec. 30, 1865, Jan. 2, 1866, showing date, names of articles and purchaser, description, and amount. For duplicate record, see entry 39-a.
- b. Selectmen's orders for school and town expenses, 1842, showing date, order number, name of payee, and amount.

Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of resident and non-resident taxpayer within each no. or named district. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 24 vols., 1776-1807, 20 pp. 8 x 6 x 1/8; 4 vols., 1816-67, 400 pp. 15 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 2; 5 vols., 1868--, 600 pp. 17 1/2 x 11 x 2 3/4. 24 vols., 1776-1807, State Library; 4 vols., 1816-67, Elkins' Library; 4 vols., 1868-1929, sel. off.; 1 vol., 1930--, res. Mr. Asby.



For town clerk's invoice records, 1815--, see entry 15; for original lists, see entry 43; for copies of these records, 1774-1807, see entry 3-a.

46. [INDIVIDUAL TAX SCHEDULES], 1926--. Approx. 2,800

papers in 14 bdl. (dated). Prior records destroyed.

Name and address of taxpayer; names of selectmen and town; description, amount, and valuation of real and personal property; selectmen's valuation of property; number of dogs owned; number of shares of railroad stock; and jurat. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 11 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 2.

47. RECORD OF TAXES ABATED SINCE 1875, 1876-1912. 1 vol.

Abatements granted by selectmen: date abated, year of levy, name of taxpayer, amount granted, and total abatements. Arr. chron. by date of abatement. No index. Hdw. 193 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 1/2.

For tax collector's abatement of taxes, 1919-22, 1934--, see entry 59.

Cemeteries

48. [MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY, DEED STUBS], 1935--. 1 vol.

Prior records missing.

Block and lot number, date, price paid, name of grantee, and notation of payment; and also an old map of the cemetery with meager information. Arr. chron. by date of transfer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 170 pp. 9 x 12 x 1 1/8. Res. Mr. Asby.

49. [COPIES OF CEMETERY DEEDS], 1888-89. 1 vol. 1871-87, 1890-1927, also 1888-89 in Cemetery Records - C. B. G., entry 50-b; 1926 also in Record [Town Meeting Books], entry 2-e.

Copies of deeds to lots in Canterbury Burial Ground and Maple Grove Cemetery: date, name of cemetery, lot number, name of purchaser, and sometimes signatures of selectmen as grantors. All lots in Canterbury Burial Ground have now been sold. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 144 pp. 10 3/8 x 8 x 1/2.

50. CEMETERY RECORDS - C. B. G., 1867-1927. 1 vol. (1).

Contains:

- a. Cemetery accounts, 1871-83. Record of expenses by cemetery committee for care of burial ground: date, name of payee, amount, total, and balance on hand.
- b. Copies of cemetery deeds, 1871-1927, entry 49.
- c. Copies of votes pertaining to cemeteries taken from town minutes, 1867-82, including reports of cemetery committees.
- d. Record of sale of lots, 1871-83, showing date, name of purchaser, lot number, price, and total sales.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. forms. 208 pp. 10 1/8 x 8 1/8 x 1.



Highways

51. THE HIGHWAY SURVEYORS ACCOUNT AND WARRANT BOOK FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1852, 1885, 1888, 1890-91. 38 vols.

Highway surveyors' account and warrant books as issued by selectmen: names of resident and non-resident taxpayers in each highway district, amount of tax assessed each, description of work to be done on highways in each district, wage scale per hour for men and teams, total tax per district, time limit for completion of work, and time period during which taxes were to be worked out. Arr. chron. by year of levy. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 44 pp. 5 1/8 x 3 1/2 x 1/8.

For original tax warrants, 1832-47, see entry 56-n.

52. BOUNDARIES OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS [and Miscellaneous], 1855-59, 1861, 1879. 1 vol.

Contains:

- a. Layout of highway districts, 1856, 1879, entry 29.
  - b. Military service certificates, 1861, showing date and place certificate issued; date of enlistment; names of soldiers, regiment, company, and commanding officer; and certification by selectmen.
  - c. Naturalization records, 1855-59, showing date, name of applicant, names of court and county, and date of naturalization.
- Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 8 1/2 x 5 x 5/8.

Miscellaneous

53. [ENROLLMENT BOOK], 1870-84, 1887-94. 1 vol. 1862-68 in Record Marriages [and Intentions] Births Deaths, entry 4-j.

Enrollment of citizens liable for military duty: names of town and enrollee; date of list; and serial number, occupation, and marital status of enrollee. Arr. chron. by date of list and alph. thereunder by name of enrollee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 162 pp. 13 3/4 x 8 1/2 x 1/2.

For draft roll, 1863, see entry 4-i; for muster rolls, 1862-64, see entry 4-k; for re-enlistment roll, 1864, see entry 4-m.

54. BOUNDARIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS 1849--NOTES GIVEN BY TOWN, 1849-50, 1853, 1862-65. 1 vol.

Contains:

- a. Layout of school districts, 1849-50, entry 26.
- b. Notes of town to pay soldiers' bounties, 1862-65, showing date, name of lender, amount, and interest rate.
- c. Notes paid by town treasurer, 1863, showing date paid, name of payee, and amount.
- d. Report of selectmen on school boundary disputes and divisions of school money, 1853, showing date, place, and time of hearing; decision by selectmen; district numbers; reference to articles in warrant; changes made in boundaries; date of report; and signatures of selectmen. For layout of school districts, 1846, 1849-51, see entry 26; for distribution of school taxes, 1818-32, see entry 55-b.



Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 120 pp. 8 1/4 x 7 x 3/4.  
Elkins Library.

55. [SELECTMEN'S MISCELLANEOUS RECORD], 1811-53. 1 vol.

Contains:

- a. Debt schedule, 1820. A list of debts owed by town: date, names of creditors, and amounts due each.
- b. Distribution of school taxes, 1818-32, showing numbers of districts, amount allotted each, and total. For division of school money, 1853, see entry 54-d.
- c. List of taxes committed to tax collector, 1811-19, showing year of levy; names of taxpayers; amounts of school, town, county, State, minister, and highway taxes; and total.
- d. Literary fund account, 1829-32, entry 40.
- e. Money from sale of parsonage land, 1830-32, entry 41.
- f. Receipts and payments, 1813-32, entry 33.
- g. School tax lists, 1817-28, showing information as in entry 56-aj.
- h. Selectmen's orders on tax collector, showing information as in entry 56-ai.
- i. Settlement of collector with selectmen, 1816-50, showing date, year of tax levy, total orders paid and unpaid by collector, total tax committed, balance due, and signatures of selectmen and tax collector.
- j. Tax collector's warrants, 1811-28, entry 58.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. 531 pp. 12 1/2 x 8 x 2.  
Elkins Library.

56. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], scattered dates 1752--. Approx.  
10,000 papers in 1 wooden chest.

Contains:

- a. Appointments of town officers, 1835-1917, showing information as in entry 2-a.
- b. Bank returns, 1835-44, showing names and addresses of bank, depositors or shareholders, and amount deposited or number of shares owned.
- c. Birth returns by physicians, 1864-1865, showing name of town; period of return; date and place of birth; sex; color; living or stillborn; number of birth; names, color, residence, occupation, and birthplaces of parents; and signature of physician. For certificates of birth, 1938--, see entry 5-a.
- d. Bonds of town officers, 1811-1924, showing date, names of sureties and person bonded, amount and conditions of bond, signatures of sureties, and jurat.
- e. Bounty payments on predatory pests, 1819-93. Receipts for bounties paid for extermination of foxes, crows, hawks, and grasshoppers: name of hunter, number of pests, amount of bounty, date of payment, and signatures of hunter and town officials paying bounty.
- f. Certificates of service in militia, 1839, 1845, showing names of town, regiment, company, and militiaman; signatures of officers; certification by commanding officer; and jurat.
- g. County tax warrants, 1850-1920, showing names of town, county, and State; amount of levy; dates of notice and return; and signature of county treasurer.



- h. Death report by town clerk, 1865. Annual report of deaths: serial numbers; date and place of death; age, birthplace, sex, color, marital status, occupation, and name of deceased; names and birthplaces of parents; and cause of death. For related records, see entries 4-h, 5-c.
- i. Death returns by physicians, 1862-1865; showing date, name of deceased, cause of death, and signature of physician. For related records, see entries 4-h, 5-c.
- j. Deeds, quitclaim and warranty, 1790-1927, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, description of property, signature of grantor, and jurat; and recording reference: date, volume and page reference in register's office, and signature of register.
- k. Governor's order to insert articles in warrants for state elections and referenda on public sentiment, 1820-1918, showing names of town, county, and State; dates of order and town meeting; nature of article; and signatures of Governor and Secretary of State.
- m. Highway petitions and returns, 1820-85, showing information as in entry 28. For layout of highway districts, 1807, 1818-86, 1899, see entry 29.
- n. Highway surveyors' tax warrants, 1832-47, showing information as in entry 51.
- o. Indentures, 1819-45, showing name of child and person to whom bound, term and condition of indenture, citation of law, and signatures of principals.
- p. Insurance policies, 1927--. Fire insurance policies on town property.
- q. Jury warrants, 1892, showing information as in entry 2-n.
- r. Leases, 1818-20, showing names of lessor and lessee; date; description of property; term and conditions of lease; signatures of lessors (selectmen), lessee, and witnesses; and jurat.
- s. North Meeting House sale, 1815. Authorization of sale: date of meeting, extract of voting, and attest of town clerk. Notice of sale: date, time, and place of sale; date of notice; and signatures of selectmen. Conditions of sale: date and place of sale, method of payment by buyer, kind of security, and date of settlement. Appointment of vendue master: date of appointment, name of vendue master, and signatures of selectmen and town clerk. Sale: date, time, and place of sale; name of buyer; and amount of highest bid.
- t. Oaths of town officers, 1835-1917, showing information as in entry 2-u.
- u. Orders on the treasurer, copies of, 1786-1895, showing date, order number, amount, name of payee, and signatures of selectmen. For treasurer's orders, 1932--, see entry 62.
- v. Pauper affidavits, 1864, showing date, name and address of pauper, personal description, marital status, length of present residence, statement as to need of relief, personal history, and jurat. For related records, see entry 95.
- w. Pauper agreements between selectmen and individuals for support and care of public charges, 1816-1928, showing names of town and



pauper, terms of agreement, kind and extent of support, date, signatures of parties concerned, and jurat. For related records, see entry 95.

- x. Pauper lists and expenses, 1820, 1825. List: date and names of paupers; expenses: amounts and total. For related records, see entry 95.
- y. Pauper notices, 1818-85, showing name of town supporting pauper, name of pauper, statement regarding settlement, request for reimbursement, name of town chargeable, date, and signatures of selectmen. For related records, see entry 95.
- z. Perambulations of town lines, 1800-1928, showing information as in entry 30.
- aa. Petitions for school meeting warrants, 1832-76, showing date, name of town, number of school district, reasons, and signatures of petitioners. For warrants and minutes of school meetings, see entry 25.
- ab. Railroad returns, 1868, 1884, showing name and address of railroad corporation, name of town, and names of shareholders with number of shares owned by each.
- ac. Receipted bills, 1786-1895, showing date, name and address of vendor, amount, total, and signature of vendor.
- ad. Return of lots, 1752. Extract from proprietors' minutes with description of lots: names of grantor and grantee, metes and bounds, and lot numbers.
- ae. School district clerk's reports to selectmen of actions taken at school meetings, 1830-83, showing name of town, number of school district, date, votes taken, and signature of school district clerk.
- af. School petitions requesting various actions of selectmen or prudential committee, 1823-83, showing date, name of town, number of school district, purpose, and signatures of petitioners.
- ag. Selectmen's contracts for public construction, 1826-1911, showing date; name of contractor; location of highway or bridge; specifications; consideration; signatures of contractor, selectmen, and witnesses; and jurat.
- ah. Selectmen's financial reports, 1829-43. Brief statements of assets and liabilities, showing amounts, balance, and signatures of selectmen. For printed reports, 1860--, see entry 32.
- ai. Selectmen's orders on tax collector, 1786-1890, showing date, to whom, purpose, and amount. For related records, 1811-53, see entry 55-h.
- aj. School tax lists, 1822-32, showing number of school district, names of taxpayers, amount assessed each, date, and total levy. For prior records, 1817-28, see entry 55-g.
- ak. State tax warrants, 1815-1920, showing names of town, county, and State; amount of levy; dates of notice and return; and signature of State Treasurer.
- am. Tax collector's agreements with selectmen, 1846, showing name and residence of collector, year of levy, rate of pay, date, and signatures of selectmen.
- an. Tax collector's reports to selectmen of unpaid taxes, 1836-53, showing date, name of town, year of levy, names of delinquent



taxpayers, amount due from each, total of uncollected taxes, and signature of tax collector.

- ao. Town farm miscellaneous papers, 1830-48. Inventories: values of farm, stock, provisions, and equipment; improvements; date; and signature of overseer. Production reports: date; amount of cloth, yarn, sawed boards, hay, grain, produce, and stock; description of fences built; and signature of overseer. Expenses: date, purpose, amount, and total. For related records, see entry 2-an.
- ap. Town meeting minutes, 1833-1921. Record of votes on town officers and public matters, showing information as in entry 2.
- aq. Town notes, 1820-1913, showing information as in entry 34.
- ar. Warnings out of town, 1791, 1829, Warrant to constable to serve notice on undesirable person to leave town: names of town, county, State, constable, and person warned; complaint and order; date; and signatures of selectmen. Return of warrant: dates of return and service, signature of constable, and at-test of town clerk.
- as. Warrants for town meetings, 1820-92, showing information as in entry 2.
- at. Writs of attachment, 1796-1926, entry 13.

Arr. by subject matter and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and headings. 28 x 48 x 18.

### III. ASSESSORS

Canterbury records show the election of assessors in 1743, 1750, 1773, and 1774.<sup>1</sup> It can be assumed that the selectmen have acted as assessors in all years in which those officials were not elected separately.

For records of invoices, see entries 15, 45; for record of blotter books, see entry 43; for copies of blotter books, see entry 44.

### IV. TAX COLLECTOR

According to the Canterbury records a "collector" was elected under that title in 1742, 1743, 1745, 1750, 1756, 1773, and 1778.<sup>2</sup> In 1744, and during 1794-1818, this official was chosen constable and collector.<sup>3</sup> The Town Minute Books furnish a continuous record of the tax collector, 1819 to date, except for the years 1830, 1903, and 1905; he was appointed by the selectmen in 1846 and 1911, and elected annually for all the remaining years.<sup>4</sup>

The collector's records are kept at the residence of George C. Asby, tax collector, and at the selectmen's office, town hall. For record of

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- 1. P. R., March 17, 1743, March 16, 1750, March 18, 1773, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, see entry 2.
  - 2. P. R., March 18, 1742, et passim, 1743-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., 1778, see entry 2.
  - 3. P. R., March 15, 1744, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 20, 1794, et passim, 1795-1818, see entry 2.
  - 4. T. M. B., 1819--, passim, see entry 2.



Tax Collector

collection of taxes by constables, see Appendix, entry 1.

57. [TAX SALES], 1927--. 1 vol.

Transcripts of tax sales: year of levy; name of taxpayer; description of property; amounts of unpaid taxes, interest, costs, and fees; date of sale; name of purchaser; and amount for which sold. Redemptions: date; amounts of interest, extents, and fees; price for which sold; and total costs of redemption. Also contains list of tax collectors, 1910--. Arr. alph. by name of owner and chron. thereunder by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 78 pp. 11 1/8 x 18 x 1. Res.

For town clerk's records of tax sales, 1745-1878, see entry 16; for prior records of tax redemptions, 1856, 1874-79, see entry 24-o.

58. N. H. COLLECTORS TAX BOOK, 1919-22, 1934--. 10 vols.  
1744, 1773 in Record [Town Minute Books] entry 2-aj;  
1811-28 in [Selectmen's Miscellaneous Records], entry  
55-j.

Front of volumes contain extracts of the State laws pertaining to collection of taxes. Tax collector's warrant: date; names of tax collector, town, and taxpayer; year of levy; total tax to be collected; amounts payable to town, county, and State treasurers with dates due; list of assessments for State, county, and town taxes; property assessed; property tax; poll tax; total tax; date paid; interest accrued; discount and abatement allowed; amount collected; signatures of selectmen; and auditors' certification. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 7 vols., 1919-22, 1937--, 100 pp. 6 7/8 x 4 1/2 x 1/2; 3 vols., 1934-36, 100 pp. 9 1/2 x 6 x 1/2. 7 vols., 1919-22, 1934-36, sel. off.; 3 vols., 1937--, res.

59. N. H. TAX COLLECTORS CASH BOOK, 1919-22, 1934--. 10 vols. Prior records missing.

Daily record of money received for taxes: date, name of taxpayer, amount, kind of tax (poll, property), total cash, interest, discount, and abatement. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on ptd. heading. 7 vols., 1919-22, 1937--, 100 pp. 6 7/8 x 4 1/4 x 1/2; 3 vols., 1934-36, 100 pp. 9 1/2 x 6 x 1/2. 7 vols., 1919-22, 1934-36, sel. off.; 3 vols., 1937--, res.

For selectmen's abatement of taxes, 1876-1912, see entry 47.

60. REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR TO TOWN TREASURER, 1935--.

Approx. 100 papers in 5 bdl. System began 1935.

Original (yellow) reports kept by tax collector: name of town, date and number of report, amount of current and previous poll and property taxes, total, interest collected, and signature of tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of report and numer. thereunder by report no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1/8. Res.

For duplicates, 1935--, see entry 63.



V. TREASURER

The election of a treasurer was first noted in Canterbury records in 1731, and then at intervals from 1733-1849.<sup>1</sup> Beginning with 1851 this official was elected annually to date.<sup>2</sup> It can be assumed that the selectmen acted as treasurer when a treasurer, as such, was not elected. Unless otherwise stated all records are to be found at the residence of Charles E. Morrill, town treasurer.

61. TREASURERS CASH BOOK, 1853-1914, 1917--. 6 vols.

Title varies: Journal, 1853-1914, 1 vol.

Receipts: date, receipt number, from whom, source, and amount; payments: date, order number, names of treasurer and payee, check number, and amount; balance; and auditors' certification. Arr. chron. by date of transaction and number. thereunder by order no. for payments only. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 100 pp. 11 x 8 1/2 x 3/4. 2 vols., 1853-1914, sel. off.; 1 vol., 1917-28, res. Louis D. Morrill, town clerk; 3 vols., 1928-- , res. Charles E. Morrill, treasurer.

For selectmen's record of receipts and payments, 1832-53, 1873-1907, 1917-- , see entry 33; for town clerk's record of receipts and payments, 1936-- , see entry 9.

62. [TREASURER'S ORDERS], 1932--. Approx. 10,800 papers

in 54 bdls. in 1 carton. Prior orders missing.

Orders on the treasurer detached from selectmen's vouchers: date, amount, name of town, order number, name of payee, and signatures of selectmen. These orders are non-transferable but checks issued from the orders become negotiable. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Bdls., 8 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1; carton, 24 x 20 x 20.

For selectmen's vouchers from which the orders are detached, see entry 35; for record of orders, 1906-17, see entry 38; for selectmen's copy of orders drawn on treasurer, 1786-1895, see entry 56-u.

63. REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR TO TOWN TREASURER, 1935--.

Approx. 100 papers in 1 bdl. System began 1935.

Duplicate reports (pink) kept by treasurer, showing information as in entry 60. Arr. chron. by date and number. thereunder by no. of report. No index. Hdw. carbons on ptd. forms. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 3/4.

64. [CHECK BOOK STUBS], 1932--. 13 vols. Prior records missing.

Stubs of checks issued on orders from selectmen: date, check and order numbers, name of payee, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of issue and number. thereunder by no. of check. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 167 pp. 9 1/4 x 5 x 1.

For canceled checks, 1932-- , see entry 65.

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1. P. R., March 18, 1731, et passim, 1733-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1849, see entry 2.
  2. T. M. B., March 11, 1851, et passim, 1852-- , see entry 2.



65. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1932--. Approx. 2,800 papers in 90 bdl. Prior checks missing.

Date, names of town and payee, check number, amount, signature of treasurer, name and address of bank, endorsement of payee, and perforated cancellation by bank.

Also contains:

Bank statements: name of town, names and addresses of treasurer and bank; deposits: date and amount; withdrawals: date and amount; and balance.

Arr. chron. by months and numer. thereunder by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms and typed on ptd. headings. 9 1/2 x 3 x 1/4.

For check stubs, 1932--, see entry 64.

## VI. AUDITORS

A committee was elected for the purpose of examining the accounts of the selectmen in the years 1732, 1733, 1737, 1740-42, 1745, 1750-53, 1757, 1765, 1774, and 1785. The membership of the committee varied from one to three.<sup>1</sup> Related committees appeared from time to time; for instance in 1753 and 1796, a committee whose duty was to examine the accounts of the meeting-house committee;<sup>2</sup> in 1764 and 1773, a committee for handling the proprietors' money and settling their accounts;<sup>3</sup> and in 1815 and 1818, a committee to examine the town records.<sup>4</sup> These various committees were the predecessors of the office of auditor which was instituted in 1822, from which time three of these officials were elected annually through 1831.<sup>5</sup> From 1832 until 1845 the Town Minute Books do not record the election of auditors; in 1845 three were elected.<sup>6</sup> Two auditors were elected annually 1846-1909.<sup>7</sup> None are recorded 1910-14, but the annual election of two is recorded from 1915 to date.<sup>8</sup> It is apparent that in some years nomination preceded election in the process of choosing auditors, since committees to nominate auditors appeared in 1824, 1846, and 1871.<sup>9</sup>

Records are kept at the residence of Kenneth F. Muzzey, one of the auditors.

66. REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT, 1938--. 3 documents.

Copy of town audit for fiscal year ending January 31, as filed with the State Tax Commission. Questionnaire with answers regarding financial records of town officers. Statement of tax collector's account: amount of warrant with added taxes, interest collected, abatements allowed, amount uncollected, and

1. P. R., March 16, 1732, et passim, 1733-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, March 17, 1785, see entry 2.
2. P. R., March 15, 1753, see entry 1; T. M. B., July 18, 1796, see entry 2.
3. P. R., April 25, 1764, May 26, 1773, see entry 1.
4. T. M. B., March 14, 1815, December 14, 1818, see entry 2.
5. Ibid., March 12, 1822; et passim, 1823-31.
6. Ibid., November 29, 1845.
7. Ibid., 1846-1909, passim.
8. Ibid., 1910--, passim.
9. Ibid., March 9, 1824, March 10, 1846, March 13, 1871.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE DEAN  
FROM: [Name]  
SUBJECT: [Subject]  
[Text of memorandum]

[Text of memorandum]

total payments to town treasurer. Condition of previous levies with amount uncollected as of February 1, and balance of taxes still uncollected. Town treasurer's account: balance as of February 1, receipts to January 31, payments in the fiscal year, outstanding checks, and reconciliation of bank balance. Town clerk's account: total motor vehicle permits issued, inclusive numbers, amount of fees, remittances to town treasurer, and cash on hand; and dog licenses: total amount received, remittances to town treasurer, and amount of fees deducted. Trustees of trust funds account: receipts from investments and other sources, payments, and balance on hand. Condition of town officers' bonds; remarks; date of audit; and signatures of auditors. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on mimeographed forms. 14 x 8 1/2.

For record of auditors' reports, 1846, 1850-51, see entry 2-d; for printed reports of auditors, 1860--, see entry 32.

## VII. TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

This office was instituted in Canterbury in 1917 with three members being elected. From 1918 to date one member has been elected annually with the exception of 1929 and 1932 when two members were chosen.<sup>1</sup>

With the exception of one record kept in the vault of the Mechanics National Bank, Concord, all records are to be found at the residence of Cecil E. Stewart, trustee.

67. RECORDS [of Trust Funds], 1918--. 1 vol.  
Record of administration of trust funds, showing name of fund, purpose, amount of principal, how invested with changes if any, names of devisor and devisee, and direction for use of interest and/or principal. Extracts of wills and records, 1873-1917, were entered in 1918.  
Also contains:

Receipts and payments. Receipts: date, name of fund, source, and amount; payments: date, to whom, name of fund to which chargeable, and amount; and annual certification of accounts by auditors.  
Arr. chron. by date of creation or business transaction. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 8 1/4 x 1.

For records of Benjamin Whidden Preaching Fund and Kimball Fund for Ham Cemetery, 1873, 1906-1907, see entry 42-a, b; for records of Elkins Preaching Fund, 1894, see entry 2-f.

68. [BANK BOOKS], 1873--. 24 vols.  
Name and address of bank, names of town and treasurer of trust funds, deposits, interest earnings, withdrawals, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 25 pp. 3 x 4 x 1/4. V.

69. [CHECK BOOK STUBS], 1937--. 3 vols. Prior records missing.  
Name and address of bank, date, name of payee, and amount of check; date and amount of deposit; and balance. Arr. chron. and numer. thereunder by no. of check. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 50 pp. 2 1/2 x 6 x 1/4.

For canceled checks, 1938--, see entry 70-c.

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1. T. M. B., 1917--, passim, see entry 2.



Cemetery Committee; Surplus  
Revenue Agent; Moderator

(70)

70. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1938--. Approx. 100 papers  
in 2 bdls.

Contains:

- a. Bank statements: names and addresses of bank and depositor, date, amounts of deposits and withdrawals, and balance.
- b. Bills: date, amount, purpose, and name of vendor.
- c. Canceled checks: name and address of bank, date, name of payee, amount, signature of treasurer, endorsement of payee, and bank stamp. For stubs of checks, 1937--, see entry 69.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and headings. 11 x 3 1/2 x 1.

### VIII. CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Canterbury does not elect cemetery trustees, and does not have a cemetery association. Lots not cared for by the trustees of trust funds are cared for by the selectmen. While there are no cemetery officials at the present time, there were cemetery committees during the years 1871-83. The membership probably consisted of three persons elected annually.<sup>1</sup>

For cemetery records, see entries 2-e, 42-b, 48-50.

### IX. SURPLUS REVENUE AGENT

In 1837 Joseph Ham, Jr., was elected agent to receive the surplus revenue.<sup>2</sup> The town voted in 1840 "to take the surplus Revenue money now in the hands of Joseph Ham Esq to defray Town Expenses the present year."<sup>3</sup>

This official kept no records.

### X. MODERATOR

A record appears of the annual election of a moderator, 1730-1891, except for the years 1734, 1735, 1746-49, 1760, and 1810.<sup>4</sup> The moderator has been elected biennially from 1892 to date.<sup>5</sup>

This official keeps no records.

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1. Information obtained from George C. Asby, clerk of selectmen, October 10, 1940, by Perley L. Cater, and from Cemetery Records - C. B. G., see entry 50.
  2. T. M. B., October 7, 1837, see entry 2.
  3. Ibid., March 10, 1840.
  4. P. R., June 10, 1730, et passim, 1731-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1891, see entry 2.
  5. T. M. B., 1892--, passim, see entry 2.



Supervisors of the Check -List;  
Election Inspectors; School  
District

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## XI. SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK-LIST

The supervisors of the check-list were first elected in 1878. Three men were elected for a term of two years, and they have been elected biennially to the present time.<sup>1</sup>

Records are kept at the office of the selectmen and at the residences of Louis D. Morrill, town clerk, and Camilla Hildreth, one of the supervisors.

71. AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ALL LEGAL VOTERS IN CANTERBURY, scattered dates 1828--. 35 lists (dated). Prior records missing.

Names of State, county, town, and voters; and party designation. Notice of supervisors for meeting to correct list: date, time, and place of meeting; certification of posting; and signatures of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of list and alph. thereunder by name of voter. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 20 x 30. 3 lists, 1828, 1832, 1838, sel. off.; 26 lists, 1876-1936, res. Louis D. Morrill; 6 lists, 1937-- , res. Camilla Hildreth.

## XII. ELECTION INSPECTORS

The selectmen biennially appoint four election inspectors, two of whom are designated by the moderator to act as ballot clerks.<sup>2</sup>

These officials keep no records.

## XIII. SCHOOL DISTRICT

An early mention of schools in Canterbury was made in 1754, when an article was inserted in the warrant to see if the town would raise money to keep a school that year, but there is no record that the article was acted upon at the meeting.<sup>3</sup> Money was appropriated for schools in 1758 and in 1762.<sup>4</sup>

A school committee was elected in 1784 and continued to be elected at intervals through 1825. This committee was composed of from three to ten members.<sup>5</sup> A committee to make improvements on the school lot was chosen for the year 1788.<sup>6</sup> School inspectors, varying in number from one to ten, were elected in the years 1798-1800, 1805, and from 1807 through 1827, except for the years 1820 and 1825.<sup>7</sup> School district inspectors, varying in number from four to nine, were elected in 1799, 1800, 1812, 1813, and 1820 through

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1. T. M. B., March 13, 1878; et passim, 1880--.

2. Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 26 (1926).

3. Lyford, op. cit., 1:377.

4. P. R., March 16, 1758, December 27, 1762, see entry 1.

5. T. M. B., March 18, 1784, et passim, 1785-1825, see entry 2.

6. Ibid., March 20, 1788.

7. Ibid., March 15, 1798, et passim, 1799-1827.



1827, except for the year 1825.<sup>1</sup> In one year, 1814, seven "class masters" were elected,<sup>2</sup> and in two years, 1879 and 1883, a clerk of the school district was appointed.<sup>3</sup>

A record appears of the election by the town, or appointment by the selectmen, of a superintending school committee, 1825-1884, except for the years 1826, 1827, 1831-33, 1836, 1843, and 1844.<sup>4</sup> In 3 years, 1849, 1868, and 1870, the members of the superintending school committee were nominated by a nominating committee.<sup>5</sup> A prudential school committee, composed of one or two members, was appointed in 1875, 1878, 1879, and 1883.<sup>6</sup>

The educational system in Canterbury, like that in other New Hampshire towns, was reorganized in 1885 as a result of the law that dissolved the then existing school districts. From that time each town with some exceptions has constituted a school district supervised by a school board of three persons.<sup>7</sup> The voters in the Canterbury district elect annually a member of the school board, a moderator, a treasurer, and a clerk.

Canterbury is a member of Supervisory Union No. 59 with headquarters in Tilton.<sup>8</sup> The Canterbury school board with the other school boards comprising this Union nominates the superintendent of schools, who is appointed by the State Board of Education.

Records are kept at the residences of Kenneth F. Muzzey, school district treasurer; Ervin A. Cogswell, school district clerk; Mrs. Amy A. Scales, member of the school board; and at the office of the superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 59, Tilton-Northfield High School, Tilton.

#### District and Board Minutes

72. RECORD [of School District Meetings], 1886--. 2 vols. Warrants and minutes of meetings of Canterbury school district. Warrants: date, time, and place of meeting; articles to be voted upon; date of warrant; and signatures of school board members. Certification of posting: dates and places of posting and certification, and attest and names of signers--school board members. Minutes: date, time, and place of meeting; articles voted upon; officers elected; appropriations made; reports of committees; resolutions adopted; name of moderator; and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Warrants, typed and ptd.; minutes, hdw. 1 vol., 1886-1924, 217 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 x 3/4; 1 vol., 1924--, 200 pp. 14 x 8 1/2 x 1. Res. Mr. Cogswell.

73. RECORD [of School Board Meetings], 1923--. 1 vol.

Prior records not kept.

Date and place of meeting, members present, officers chosen, actions taken, teachers hired, and signature of secretary. Also notations from minutes of

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1. T. M. B., March 2, 1799, et passim, 1800-1827, see entry 2.
  2. Ibid., March 8, 1814.
  3. Ibid., January 31, 1879, May 8, 1883.
  4. Ibid., March 8, 1825, et passim, 1828-84.
  5. Ibid., March 14, 1849, March 10, 1868, March 8, 1870.
  6. Ibid., 1875-83, passim.
  7. See New Hampshire Laws of 1885, ch. 43.
  8. New Hampshire Register 1939, p. 37.



supervisory union meeting: date and place of meeting, names of towns represented, matters discussed, and votes taken. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 8 1/2 x 3/4. Res. Mrs. Scales.

# Finance

## 74. SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND RECORD--LOAN FUND RECORD, 1932--. 2 vols.

Record of receipts and payments. Receipts: date, from whom, source, and amount. Payments: date; to whom; amount; and purpose: administration; instruction; operation and maintenance of school plant; auxiliary agencies and special activities; fixed charges; outlay for construction and equipment; and debt, interest, and other charges. Annual certification by auditors. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 70 pp. 8 3/4 x 14 x 1/2. Supt. off.

## 75. [GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS AND BILLS], 1933--. Approx. 3,000 papers in 7 bdls. (dated). Prior papers destroyed.

Vouchers used in payment of all school debts: name of school district; date and number of voucher; to whom paid; and purpose: administration; instruction; operation and maintenance of school plant; auxiliary agencies and special activities; fixed charges; outlay for construction and equipment; and debt, interest, and other charges. Statement: explanation or date of invoice, and amount. Bills attached to vouchers: date, name and address of vendor, description of service or material supplied, quantity, unit price, extensions, totals, and sometimes vendor's signature. Arr. chron. by date of issue and numer. thereunder by voucher no. No index. Hdw., and hdw. typed on ptd. forms and headings. 6 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 2 1/2. Supt. off.

## 76. [VOUCHER STUBS], 1938--. Approx. 300 papers in 2 bdls. Prior stubs destroyed.

Stubs detached from general fund vouchers: date and number of voucher, amount, name and address of payee, and signatures of school board members. Arr. chron. by date of voucher and numer. thereunder by voucher no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 1 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1. Res. Mr. Muzzey.

## 77. [District] TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1932--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Treasurer's record of receipts, payments, and deposits. Receipts: date, from whom, source, and amount; payments: date, check number, to whom, amount, and total; deposits: names of bank and treasurer, date, and amount; and annual certification by auditors. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 200 pp. 11 x 8 1/2 x 1. Res. Mr. Muzzey.

## 78. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1938--. Approx. 300 checks in 2 bdls. Prior checks destroyed.

Canceled checks detached from voucher stubs: names of payee, bank, school district, and town; date and number of check; amount; signature of school district treasurer; endorsement of payee; and bank cancelation. Arr. chron. by date of issue and numer. thereunder by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 x 8 1/2 x 1. Res. Mr. Muzzey.



79. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1938--. 18 papers in 2 bdl.

Prior papers destroyed.

Names and addresses of bank and school district treasurer; deposits: date and amount; withdrawals: date and amount; and balance. Arr. chron. by date of statement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 3 3/4 x 7 1/4 x 1/4. Res. Mr. Muzzey.

80. [SURETY BONDS], 1925-28, 1938--. 5 bonds (dated).

Prior bonds destroyed.

Surety bond for treasurer of school district: date of issue, names and addresses of surety company and treasurer, name of school district, amount, dates covered, and signatures of company officials. No obvious arr. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 4 x 9 1/2 x 1/4. Res. Mr. Cogswell.

#### XIV. SUPERVISORY UNION

Canterbury belongs to Supervisory Union No. 59 which, in addition to Canterbury, includes Tilton, Northfield, Belmont, Gilford, and Gilmanton. The executive of the Supervisory Union is the superintendent of schools who is nominated by the school board of Canterbury in conjunction with the other school boards of the Union. The appointment is made by the State Board of Education.<sup>1</sup>

Records are kept at the residence of Mrs. Amy A. Scales, member of the Canterbury school board; the office of the selectmen, town hall; and the office of the superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 59, Tilton-Northfield High School, Tilton.

81. NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1852-56, 1861-65, 1869-72, 1881-85, 1888, 1890, 1895, 1925-27, 1933--. 77 vols. (dated).

Date; names of town, school, and teachers; and signature of superintendent. Registration record of pupils: name, number, dates of enrollment and birth, age, birthplace, and residence of pupil; and names of parents or guardian. Attendance roll of pupils with perfect record. Register of school visitors: date and names of visitors. Professional and preparatory record of teachers: inclusive dates of service, name of teacher, education record, names of institutions attended, date of graduation, and license or certificate to teach with dates of issue and expiration. Record of promotion of pupils: grades and number of pupils. Age statistics of pupils by grades: grade number, number of male and female pupils in each grade by ages, and totals. Daily record of attendance: name of school, inclusive dates, serial number, name of pupil, and daily and monthly record of attendance with total. Recapitulation: annual record of each pupil's attendance, tardiness, and dismissal. Summary for school year: date, name and address of school, name of teacher, attendance statistics, and official and non-official visitors. Arr. chron. and thereunder by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms and headings. 14 pp. 12 x 9 x 1/8. 11 vols., 1852-56, 1895, sel. off.; 16 vols., 1861-65, 1869-72, 1881-85, 1888, 1890, res. Mrs. Scales; 50 vols., 1925-27, 1933--, off. supt.

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1. See New Hampshire Register 1939, p. 37.



## XV. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

In 1797 a social library was established in Canterbury. John Sutton, David Morrill, and others were named as its proprietors. They were "vested with all the powers and privileges incident to corporations of a similar nature \* \* \*."<sup>1</sup> The following year Samuel Haines was elected moderator of the corporation, Abiel Foster, Jr., clerk, and Reverend Frederick Parker, librarian.<sup>2</sup> In 1812 the Canterbury Franklin Historical Library was incorporated.<sup>3</sup> On December 1, 1862, the Canterbury Library Society was formed and continued as such until January 11, 1886, when it was united with the social library.<sup>4</sup>

In 1893 the inhabitants of the town availed themselves of the State's gift of 100 dollars in books and established the Canterbury Public Library. Three library trustees were appointed by the selectmen the same year.<sup>5</sup> It is not recorded that any additional trustees were named to office until 1907 when three were elected. From that time through 1926, at intervals of one or two years, one to four persons were elected as trustees.<sup>6</sup> In the meanwhile (1902) the Canterbury Public Library had absorbed the social library.<sup>7</sup> In 1927 the library moved into a new building, the construction of which was made possible by a legacy that the town had received about ten years previously from Maria Sargent Elkins in whose honor the library was now renamed the Elkins Public Library.<sup>8</sup> Since 1927 two trustees have been elected annually for a 3-year term.<sup>9</sup>

With the exception of one record kept at the residence of Mrs. Camilla Hildreth, library trustee, all records are to be found at the Elkins Library.

## Minutes

## 82. ELKINS LIBRARY, CANTERBURY, 1933--. 1 vol. (dated 1933).

Prior records missing.

Minutes of meetings of library trustees: date, time, and place of meeting; approval of bills; election of officers; actions on new and old business; approval of purchases of new books; appointments of committees; names of members present; and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 6 x 1/2. Res. Mrs. Hildreth.

## 83. [RECORDS OF CANTERBURY SOCIAL LIBRARY], 1797-1902. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Articles of formation; constitution adopted; act of incorporation, 1797; and minutes of meetings: date, election of officers, names of persons present, by-laws adopted, votes taken, and business transacted (meetings not held 1840-61). At the meeting of 1902 it was voted to unite with Canterbury Public Library. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 3/4 x 8 x 3/4.

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1. Laws of New Hampshire, 6:439 (1797).

2. [Records of Canterbury Social Library], December 3, 1798, see entry 83.

3. Laws of New Hampshire, 8:93 (1812).

4. [Records of Canterbury Library Society], 1862-70, 1886, see entry 84.

5. T. M. B., March 14, 1893, see entry 2; Lyford, op. cit., 1:208.

6. T. M. B., 1907-26, passim, see entry 2.

7. Ibid., June 26, 1902.

8. Information obtained from Robert Frame, library trustee, October 10, 1940, by Perley L. Cater.

9. T. M. B., 1927--, see entry 2.



84. [RECORDS OF CANTERBURY LIBRARY SOCIETY], 1862-70, 1886.

1 vol. Discontinued.

Constitution: name of society, membership, and names and duties of officers; and by-laws for conducting meetings and loaning books. Minutes of meetings: date and place of meeting, officers elected, reports of committees, approval of constitution at first meeting, votes taken, subjects discussed, and signature of secretary; and list of books: number, name of author, and title. In 1886 it was voted to join with the Canterbury Social Library. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1.

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85. RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS, 1929--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Treasurer's record of receipts and expenditures. Receipts: date, from whom, source, and amount; payments: date, to whom, check number, purpose, amount, total, and balance; and annual audit: date and signatures of auditors.

Also contains:

List of donations for portrait of Mrs. Elkins, painted by Leo Mielziner: date, names and addresses of donors, amounts, totals; and notations of payments to artist: date, name and address of artist and amount of each payment.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 1/2.

86. [CHECK BOOK STUBS], 1936--. 4 stub books. Prior stubs missing.

Date, check number, name of payee, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. and numer. thereunder by no. of check. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 stub books, 1936-38, 17 pp. 3 x 7 x 1/2; 1 stub book, 1939--, 100 pp. 9 1/2 x 5 x 3/4.

For canceled checks, 1936--, see entry 88-c.

87. [BANK DEPOSIT BOOK], 1929--. 1 vol. Prior records missing.

Name and address of bank, name of depositor, dates, and amounts. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 24 pp. 5 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1/8.

88. [MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL PAPERS], 1936--. Approx. 600 papers in 4 bdls.

Contains:

- a. Bank statements: name and address of bank, name of account, deposits, withdrawals, and balance.
- b. Bills: date, name and address of vendor, details of service or materials supplied (unit price, name, extensions), and total.
- c. Canceled checks: names and addresses of bank and payer, date, check number, name of payee, signature of treasurer, and endorsement by payee. For check book stubs, 1936--, see entry 86.

Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. forms and headings. 10 x 4 1/2 x 1/2.



Books

89. [BOOKS LOANED], 1893--. Approx. 2,400 cards in 2 f. b. Card record of books loaned: catalogue number, name of author, title, date due, and name of borrower. 1893-1934, no obvious arr.; 1935--, arr. alph. by name of author. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 1 f. b., 1893-1936, 4 1/2 x 7 x 10 3/4; 1 f. b., 1937--, 4 x 4 x 12 1/2.

90. JOURNAL, 1893--. 3 vols. Circulation record of books and magazines not catalogued: names of borrower and book or magazine, date taken out, and date due. Arr. chron. by date of loan. No index. Hdw. 2 vols., 1893-1937, 150 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 1 1/2; 1 vol., 1938--, 168 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 x 1 1/2.

91. CATALOG OF THE CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY, CANTERBURY, N. H., approx. 1893, 1908, 1914. 3 vols. (undated, 1 vol., approx. 1893; dated 1908, 1914, 2 vols.). Isolated record. Periodical lists of books: name of author, title of book, and catalogue number. Arr. alph. by name of author. No index. Ptd. 8 3/4 x 5 3/4 x 1/8.

92. LIBRARY ACC[essio]N BOOK, 1893--. 2 vols. Record of accessions: number of book, name of author, title, name of publisher, year published, cost price, and name of donor or from whom purchased. Arr. chron. by date of accession. No index. Hdw. on ptd. headings. 200 pp. 12 1/4 x 9 1/2 x 3/4.

XVI. OVERSEER OF THE POOR

The office of overseer of the poor appeared in 1791, 1796, and 1831.<sup>1</sup> In 1829 the town appointed a committee to purchase a poor farm.<sup>2</sup> The following year the selectmen were authorized to borrow "the School fund and the Parsonage Money and turn it in towards paying for the farm lately purchased for the accommodation of the poor \* \* \*."<sup>3</sup> On March 14, 1848, one man was elected as overseer of the poor and keeper of the town farm and house of correction. Thereafter one such official was elected annually through 1865.<sup>4</sup> From 1866 through 1875 no record appears of the office being filled, but in 1876 and 1877 one overseer of the poor was elected.<sup>5</sup> There is no further record of that office until 1937 from which time one person has been appointed annually by the selectmen.<sup>6</sup>

Records are kept at the residence of Cecil E. Stewart and the selectmen's office, town hall.

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1. T. M. B., March 17, 1791, March 17, 1796, March 8, 1831, see entry 2.
  2. Ibid., March 11, 1829.
  3. Ibid., March 10, 1830.
  4. Ibid., March 14, 1848, et passim, 1849-65.
  5. Ibid., March 1876, March 13, 1877.
  6. Ibid., March 9, 1937, et passim, 1938--.



Health Officer; Road Agent  
(Highway Surveyor)

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93. [RECORD OF RELIEF ORDERS], 1938--. 1 vol. System began 1938.

Individual record of each case: date and order number, kind of relief, town or county case, name and address of recipient, purpose, amount, name of vendor, and total relief granted. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 17 x 14 x 1/4. Res.

For duplicate town orders, 1938--, see entry 94.

94. ORDER BLANK FOR TOWN CASE, 1938--. 40 papers in 1 bdl. Prior blanks missing.

Duplicate order (pink) issued by overseer: kind of case (regular relief or soldier's aid), order number, date issued, names and addresses of vendor and relief recipient, date, case number, and name of town; purpose: food and household necessities, rent, clothing, fuel, medical, and other; and signature of overseer of poor. Original order (white) given to recipient; triplicate order (blue) sent to selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of order and number. thereunder by order no. No index. Hdw. carbon copies on ptd. forms. 5 x 8 x 1/4. Res.

For record of relief orders, 1938--, see entry 93.

95. DAY BOOK, 1857-89. 1 vol. Isolated record.

Account of expenditures for paupers off farm: name of recipient, date, purpose, to whom paid, amount, and certification of settlement or reimbursement by overseer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 8 1/4 x 7 x 1. Sel. off.

For related pauper records, see entry 56-v, w, x, y.

## XVII. HEALTH OFFICER

The Town Minute Books record the election of a health officer in 1901 and 1902.<sup>1</sup> Since 1915 a health officer has been appointed by the State Board of Health on the recommendation of the selectmen.<sup>2</sup> No records are kept.

For reports of the health officer, see entry 32.

## XVIII. ROAD AGENT (HIGHWAY SURVEYOR)

Highway surveyors appeared in Canterbury in 1740 when three were elected. Elections to this office are recorded from that time through 1892, except for the years 1741-42, 1746-48, 1760, 1764, and 1870. The number elected varied from one to thirty-nine.<sup>3</sup>

Road agents appeared in 1893 when three were elected.<sup>4</sup> Three were also elected in 1894, and 1897-98; one in 1895 and 1896.<sup>5</sup> Two road agents received

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1. T. M. B., March 12, 1901, March 11, 1902, see entry 2.

2. See New Hampshire Laws of 1915, ch. 27.

3. P. R., March 20, 1740, et passim, 1743-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1892, see entry 2.

4. T. M. B., March 14, 1893, see entry 2.

5. Ibid., March 13, 1894, et passim, 1895-98.



office in 1904.<sup>1</sup> An isolated instance of the reappearance of highway surveyors occurred in 1905, when twelve were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>2</sup> One road agent has been elected annually from 1921 to date.<sup>3</sup>

Records are kept at the residence of F. C. Plastridge, road agent.

96. [JOURNAL], 1939--. 1 vol. Prior records destroyed. Daily record of payments showing date, name of employee, firm or person, amount, purpose, total, and grand total. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1/2.

97. [LEDGER], 1939--. 1 vol. Prior records destroyed. Summary of payments, showing information as in entry 96. Arr. chron. by date of payment under each individual account. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 8 1/2 x 7 x 1/2.

98. [CANCELED CHECKS], 1938--. Approx. 1100 checks in 22 bdl's. Prior checks missing. Name and address of bank, date, name of payee, purpose, amount, signature of road agent, endorsement by payee, and counterstamp by bank. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 3 x 6 x 1/8.

99. [CHECK BOOK STUBS], 1938--. 15 stub books. Prior stubs missing. Date of payment, names of payee and bank, check number, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 50 pp. 3 x 6 1/2 x 1/2.

100. [BANK STATEMENTS], 1938--. 22 statements. Prior statements missing. Names and addresses of bank and depositor (road agent), dates of deposits and withdrawals, and balance. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 9 1/2 x 10.

## XIX. POLICE AND CONSTABLES

The office of constable was filled at various times by election, appointment, or vendue.<sup>4</sup> For some of the early years constables served also as tax collectors.<sup>5</sup> Three tramp constables were appointed in 1879.<sup>6</sup> Canterbury no longer has the office of constable.

From one to thirteen reporters of disorderly persons were elected annually, 1828-35.<sup>7</sup> The first regular police officers appeared in 1859 when seven were appointed.<sup>8</sup> At present the town does not have regular police.

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1. T. M. B., March 1904, see entry 2.
  2. Ibid., March 1905.
  3. Ibid., 1921--., passim.
  4. Examples: P. R., March 18, 1731, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 9, 1819, March 13, 1875, see entry 2.
  5. See T. M. B., 1794-1818, passim, see entry 2.
  6. Ibid., January 6, 1879.
  7. Ibid., 1828-35, passim.
  8. Ibid., March 9, 1859.



Dog Constable; Town Agent (Legal Agent); Liquor Agent

(Next entry 101, p. 61)

In 1860, one special policeman was elected to enforce a resolution concerning cattle. In the same year thirty-six special officers were appointed. The present arrangement is to appoint two special officers who serve until their successors are appointed.<sup>2</sup>

For reports of the police, see entry 32; for record of tax collection by constables, see Appendix, entry 1.

## XX. DOG CONSTABLE

The office of dog constable was filled by appointment, 1891-93, and by election 1901-1908.<sup>3</sup>

No records kept by this officer have been found.

## XXI. TOWN AGENT (LEGAL AGENT)

A town agent was chosen in Canterbury as the affairs of the town made such an office necessary. One agent was elected annually from 1823-32.<sup>4</sup> In 1833 three agents received office by election.<sup>5</sup> During 1834-37, 1840-41, 1848-49, 1853, 1855, 1859, 1865, and 1873 one agent was chosen.<sup>6</sup> In 1846 an agent was first nominated by a committee, and then elected.<sup>7</sup> In 1872 an agent was appointed.<sup>8</sup>

No records of the legal agent have been found.

## XXII. LIQUOR AGENT

Samuel Mooney applied in 1801 to the selectmen for permission to sell rum and other liquors by the gallon. The selectmen recommended him as a suitable person. The recommendation was probably equivalent to a license.<sup>9</sup> The town instructed the selectmen in 1832 to prosecute the sale of liquor without license.<sup>10</sup> By vote of the town in 1854 the selectmen were "respectfully requested not to approbate any individual as retailer of Spirituous liquors for the current year."<sup>11</sup> But there is definite record of the appointment of a liquor agent 1855-60.<sup>12</sup> In the following year it was voted

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1. T. M. B., June 9, 1860, see entry 2.
  2. Information obtained from George C. Asby, clerk of the selectmen, October 10, 1940, by William T. Clear.
  3. T. M. B., May 2, 1891, et passim, 1892-1908, see entry 2.
  4. Ibid., March 11, 1823, et passim, 1824-32.
  5. Ibid., November 19, 1833.
  6. Ibid., March 11, 1834, et passim, 1835-73.
  7. Ibid., March 10, 1846.
  8. Ibid., March 12, 1872.
  9. Ibid., April 10, 1801.
  10. Ibid., March 14, 1832.
  11. Ibid., March 12, 1854.
  12. [Miscellaneous] Records, Layout of Roads, Fences & Agreements, 1855-59, passim, see entry 24; T. M. B., April 27, 1860, see entry 2.



Forest Fire Wardens (Deputies);  
Sealer of Weights and  
Measures; Lumber Officers

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to abolish the liquor agency and dispose of all liquors and fixtures in the hands of the agent.<sup>1</sup>

No records were kept.

### XXIII. FOREST FIRE WARDENS (DEPUTIES)

The State Forester, on recommendation of the selectmen, appoints the forest fire warden and two deputies. Their terms are for one year or until their successors are appointed.<sup>2</sup>

Records are kept at the residence of Charles Gilman, forest fire warden.

101. [FIRE PERMITS], 1939--. 2 pads. Prior records missing.

Duplicates of fire permits: name and address of permittee; place, date, kind, and extent of proposed fire; town where issued; date of issue; and signatures of fire warden and permittee. Also laws and regulations. Arr. chron. by date of permit. No index. Hdw. carbons on ptd. forms. 18 pp. 4 3/4 x 6 x 1/8.

### XXIV. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The records show the election of one sealer of weights and measures during the years 1759, 1769, 1771, and 1773-78. In 1779 two such sealers were elected. From 1780 through 1905, with the exceptions of 1782, 1784, 1786, 1790, 1792, 1810, and 1816, the annual election of one sealer is recorded.<sup>3</sup>

The sealer kept no records.

### XXV. LUMBER OFFICERS

A "Comm. on Proprietors Timber" appeared in Canterbury in 1752, three men being elected to care for the Canterbury timber. This office was filled again in 1753-56, 1761, and 1763.<sup>4</sup> In 1785 the surveyors of lumber appeared. From that year through 1787 and from 1792-1859 surveyors of lumber, varying in number from two to fourteen, were elected annually.<sup>5</sup> Three sealers of lumber were chosen in 1788, but no further record of this office appears.<sup>6</sup>

In 1797 and again in 1800 a surveyor of wood was elected<sup>7</sup> and from 1860-73 from five to eleven surveyors of lumber and corders of wood were chosen.<sup>8</sup>

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1. T. M. B., March 13, 1861, see entry 2.

2. See Public Laws of New Hampshire, ch. 191, secs. 13, 16 (1926).

3. P. R., 1759-73, passim, see entry 1; T. M. B., 1774-1905, passim, see entry 2.

4. P. R., June 25, 1752, et passim, 1753-63, see entry 1.

5. T. M. B., March 17, 1785, et passim, 1786-1859, see entry 2.

6. Ibid., March 20, 1788.

7. Ibid., March 16, 1797, March 20, 1800.

8. Ibid., March 13, 1860, et passim, 1861-73.



Pound-Keeper; Hogreeves (Field  
Drivers, Hawards, Hog  
Constables)

(Next entry App<sup>d</sup> 1, p. 65)

During the years 1874-1909 from one to twelve surveyors of wood and lumber were elected,<sup>1</sup> except for the year 1879 when four were appointed by the selectmen.<sup>2</sup>

In addition to the above offices from one to ten oorders of wood were elected from 1807-59.<sup>3</sup> Cullers of staves were chosen at intervals from 1798-1877.<sup>4</sup>

No records of any of these offices were kept.

#### XXVI. POUND-KEEPER

The pound-keeper was first elected in 1753 and again in 1755, and then at irregular intervals through 1899,<sup>5</sup> after which the office disappeared. In 1757 the pound-keeper received office by appointment from the selectmen. In the same year the town voted that a pound be built of timber, 30 feet square. It was to be built by the individual proprietors and credit was to be given them toward their taxes.<sup>6</sup> In 1800 the town voted to erect a new pound,<sup>7</sup> but the building of it was bid off for 20 dollars.<sup>8</sup>

On March 14, 1821, it was voted to build a pound of stone. Its dimensions were 30' x 30' x 6 1/2'. The base of the wall was 4 1/2 feet and the top of the wall was 1 1/2 feet.<sup>9</sup> The tomb of the cemetery at Canterbury Center is built on the site of this pound.

No records were kept.

#### XXVII. HOGREEVES (FIELD DRIVERS, HAWARDS, HOG CONSTABLES)

Hog constables were elected in Canterbury from 1743-45. From three to seven were elected at irregular intervals from 1750 to 1791, when the office disappeared.<sup>10</sup> In 1750 they were elected as hog constables or hawards.<sup>11</sup>

The first appearance of the field driver occurred in the same year (1743) as that of the hog constable. From one to three of these officers were elected annually with some exceptions through 1789. Then from 1791-1807, at irregular intervals, from two to six field drivers were chosen. There seems to be no further record of this office being filled until 1828. From that date through 1833 from one to three field drivers were elected annually. Another period of 7 years elapsed before the office was mentioned again. From

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1. T. M. B., March 1874, et passim, 1875-1909, see entry 2.
  2. Ibid., April 23, 1879.
  3. Ibid., March 10, 1807, et passim, 1808-59.
  4. Ibid., March 15, 1798, et passim, 1799-1877.
  5. P. R., March 15, 1753, et passim, 1755-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1899, see entry 2.
  6. P. R., March 17, 1757, see entry 1.
  7. T. M. B., March 20, 1800, see entry 2.
  8. Ibid., June 16, 1800.
  9. Ibid., March 14, 1821.
  10. P. R., March 17, 1743, et passim, 1744-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-91, see entry 2.
  11. P. R., March 16, 1750, see entry 2.



Fish and Game Wardens (Fish Wardens); Fence Viewers; Lot Layers, Etc.

(Next entry App. 1, p. 65)

1840-48, when the office disappeared, from two to six field drivers were chosen annually.<sup>1</sup>

Hogreeves appeared in 1749, and at irregular intervals continued to be elected through 1907. From one to thirty-five persons were chosen.<sup>2</sup> In 1845, 1862, and 1863, the hogreeves were nominated by a committee before being elected.<sup>3</sup>

It has already been seen that the office of hog constable was combined with that of haward in 1750. At intervals hawards were elected separately 1751-77. From one to seven of these officers were chosen.<sup>4</sup>

None of the above kept records.

## XXVIII. FISH AND GAME WARDENS (FISH WARDENS)

Fish wardens appeared in 1795 when three persons were elected to the office. The office was again filled in 1811 and continued to be filled through 1839 with from two to four wardens.<sup>5</sup> In 1883 the title of the office was changed to fish and game warden, and from two to four wardens were elected annually, through 1899.<sup>6</sup> No record of the office appears in Canterbury after that time.

No records were kept.

## XXIX. FENCE VIEWERS

With some exceptions from two to eight fence viewers were elected annually from 1743 through 1907<sup>7</sup> when the office disappeared.

No records were kept. For records of fence agreements, see entry 23.

## XXX. LOT LAYERS, ETC.

Commissioners to act in the division of home lots were elected during 1730-32.<sup>8</sup> Two to three lot layers were elected, at irregular intervals, from 1742 until 1859 when the office disappeared.<sup>9</sup> From 1752 through 1864 a lot

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1. P. R., March 17, 1743, et passim, 1744-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1848, see entry 2.
  2. P. R., March 16, 1749, et passim, 1750-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1907, see entry 2.
  3. T. M. B., March 11, 1845, March 11, 1862, March 10, 1863, see entry 2.
  4. P. R., March 16, 1750, et passim, 1751-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-77, see entry 2.
  5. T. M. B., March 19, 1795, et passim, 1811-39, see entry 2.
  6. Ibid., March 13, 1883, et passim, 1884-99.
  7. P. R., March 17, 1743, et passim, 1744-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1909, see entry 2.
  8. P. R., 1730-32, passim, see entry 1.
  9. Ibid., 1742-73, passim; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1859, see entry 2.



layout committee of two or three persons was elected irregularly.<sup>1</sup> A committee on town lands, consisting of three members, was organized in 1816;<sup>2</sup> and a committee on town map, consisting of two members, was formed in 1818;<sup>3</sup> but the records do not indicate how long these committees functioned.

The above officials kept no records of their own. For records of lots, see entry 1-h, i, j, k, m, n, u, v, w.

### XXXI. SEXTON

A sexton was elected in Canterbury in 1762, but no further mention of the office was made until 1797. From that year through 1875 from one to five sextons were elected annually,<sup>4</sup> except for the year 1867 when one sexton was appointed by the selectmen. The selectmen also appointed sextons in 1880 and 1884.<sup>5</sup>

In 1867 a "Comm. re: hearse" and a "Comm. re: Burying Ground Lots" were elected.<sup>6</sup> The latter committee was again elected in 1876.<sup>7</sup> A "Comm. on Burial Ground" was elected in 1875 and again in 1880.<sup>8</sup>

There is no record of any of the above being elected or appointed from 1884 to date. No records were kept.

### XXXII. TYTHINGMEN

One tythingman was elected on March 17, 1743. Thence at irregular intervals through 1848, from one to six were chosen.<sup>9</sup> After 1848 no further record appears of their election.

No records were kept.

1. P. R., 1752-73, passim, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1864, see entry 2.
2. T. M. B., March 12, 1816, see entry 2.
3. Ibid., December 14, 1818.
4. P. R., March 18, 1762, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 16, 1797, et passim, 1798-1875, see entry 2.
5. T. M. B., May 13, 1867, October 16, 1880, April 25, 1884, see entry 2.
6. Ibid., August 22, 1867.
7. Ibid., March 1876.
8. Ibid., March 1875, March 10, 1880.
9. P. R., March 17, 1743, et passim, 1744-73, see entry 1; T. M. B., March 17, 1774, et passim, 1775-1848, see entry 2.



APPENDIX

1. CANTERBURY COUNTER ROLL, 1774-81, 1785-87, 1790-91.  
16 pamphlets (dated). Isolated record. Title varies slightly.

Notations by constables for collection of taxes: name of taxpayer, kind of tax (school, town, meeting-house, minister, and county), and amounts due. Constables' warrants: date; names of State, county, town, and constable; year of levy; authorization; amount to be collected; dates amount paid to county treasurer and selectmen; and signatures of selectmen. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. 20 pp. 8 x 6 x 1/8. 15 pamphlets, 1774-80, 1785-87, 1790-91, State Library; 1 pamphlet, 1781, v. Boscawen Public Library.

2. CANTERBURY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY, 1870-1908. 2 vols.  
Society organized 1870; last meeting held 1908.

Minutes of meetings of society, showing date and place of meeting, officers elected, business transacted, votes taken, committees chosen, names of speakers, and signature of secretary; and copy of constitution with date of approval. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 1870-75, 100 pp. 13 x 8 1/2 x 1/2; 1875-1908, 432 pp. 10 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 1 1/4. Elkins Library.

3. RECORD [of Guests Visiting Shakers], 1859--. 11 vols.  
(dated, 10 vols., 1859-1907; undated, 1 vol., 1907--).  
System began 1859. Title varies: Visitor's Register, 1859-1907, 10 vols.

Register of guests: date of visit, and name and address of visitor. Arr. chron. by date of visit. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on ptd. headings. 200 pp. 13 1/2 x 8 1/4 x 3/4. Off. Shaker Administration Building.

4. [LAYOUT OF LOTS IN CANTERBURY], no date. 2 maps.  
Layout of lots, showing lot numbers, and names of lot owners and original grantees. Names of artist, publisher, and place of publication unknown. Black and white, hand drawn in ink. Scale not given. 1 map, 26 x 26, sel. off.; 1 map, 21 x 31, State Library.

5. [ADDITION TO OLD BURYING GROUND], 1867. 1 original map,  
and 1 photostatic copy.  
Incomplete physical map, showing layout of lots. Names of artist, publisher and place of publication not known. Black and white, hand drawn in ink, photostat. No scale. 15 1/2 x 23. Sel. off.

6. TOWN OF CANTERBURY PLAN OF MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY, 1934.  
6 maps (dated).  
Physical maps, showing layout of cemetery lots. Surveyor—Charles Rancour; draftsman—Leonard B. Bushey. Place of publication unknown. Black and white. Scale, 1" = 10'. 52 x 35. Sel. off.

7. PLAN OF ROCKY POND PARK AT CANTERBURY, N. H. OWNED BY  
ROCKY POND DEVELOPMENT CO., INC., June 1931. 1 map.  
Physical map, showing layout of lots. Civil engineer—John M. Eldredge. Laconia, N. H. Black and white. Scale, 1" = 50'. 21 x 36. Sel. off.



8. PLAN OF ROAD FROM GILMANTON TO CONCORD, July 8, 1820.

1 map.

Physical map, showing road plan. Names of artist, publisher, and place of publication unknown. Black and white, hand drawn. Scale 1": 80 rods.

7 1/4 x 55. Set off.



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